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## CHEAT LIVED HIGH LIFE ON BENEFITS

A **BENEFIT** cheat stole almost £14,000 from taxpayers to buy holidays and cars, despite running her own business.

Caroline Lawrence, of Douglas Road, Lenham, claimed council tax and housing benefits after declaring herself unemployed.

The shamed 44-year-old was revealed as a fraudster when officials discovered she was breeding pedigree puppies for a living.

The married mother-of-five had squandered thousands from the busi-

BY ANNA WHITE

ness on flash vehicles and several lavish family holidays to America and France.

She had claimed financial help from Maidstone council since 1993.

Her payouts should have ceased when she started trading on April 17, 2002, but she failed to notify officials of her change in circumstances and continued to accept benefits until January 26, 2006.

Mrs Lawrence was due to go on a five-day trial at Maidstone Crown Court last month, but on March 1 –

the first day of the trial – she admitted eight counts of benefit fraud.

In court, the judge said: "You must understand that for individuals such as yourself, who are legitimately entitled to benefit, as indeed you were, once the claim goes bad, that which is left for others to claim shrinks as a result of your criminality."

"That is why this type of offending is serious and why, in judgement, it clearly passes the custody threshold."

"This is not a case where you were using money because your children, as an example, needed to be clothed and fed."

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## VAN'S THE MAN FOR FESTIVAL

Music legend Van Morrison is the latest act confirmed to headline the star-studded Hop Farm festival.

The six-time Grammy award winner will perform on the opening night of the two-day event at the Paddock Wood attraction.

He joins an impressive line-up of musical acts, including Bob Dylan, Mumford and Sons, Pete Doherty, Laura Marling and The Magic Numbers.

More performers are expected to be announced ahead of the festival, which starts on on Friday, July 2.

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**AGREEMENT:** Twenty six affordable homes will be built at the former Parkwood Tavern site

# Funding to help smooth way for affordable homes

■ BY ANNA WHITE

DEVELOPERS have boosted council funds by more than £4 million in return for planning permission.

The hefty sum was secured by Maidstone council through Section 106 agreements, which require applicants to contribute funding to services a development would affect – such as open spaces.

During the last financial year, which ended on March 31, 15 developers signed an agreement – of which all but one were for new housing.

In exchange for planning permission, seven of the applicants dedicated a section of their development proposals to be affordable housing, as well as financial contributions.

The council secured 683 new dwellings from Section 106 agreements alone – 297 will be affordable homes.

From the 15 agreements – £468,356 was awarded to open spaces, £596,357 was donated to education, the primary care trust (PCT) received £345,848 and the highways department was granted £55,000.

The council will collect a further £3.43 million when agreed pay days – referred to as a trigger points – are reached.

Developers can sometimes set themselves a deadline to pay their contribution, this could be five, seven or even ten years.

The largest contribution for the financial year was from the applicants behind plans for 114 new dwellings in Springfield.

The owner has promised the

council £179,550 for open spaces, £215,565 for education, £78,210 for the PCT and £4,000 for highways.

The education donation is split into four sections – £20,520 for adult education, £32,253 for youth and community, £25,878 for libraries and £136,914 for adult social services.

Organisers behind the development, which replaced the former Parkwood Tavern pub, in Parkwood, contributed £40,950 to open space and £21,902 to the PCT in exchange for permission to build 26 new affordable homes.

Vinters Park Trust was awarded £25,000 from a developer who has been granted permission for 142 new houses, including 32 affordable properties, near the site's TV studios.

Despite the impressive total of funding for 2009/2010 – the revenue raised through Section 106 agreements is 52 per cent lower than last year.

During last year a total 399 affordable housing developments were available – 102 less than this year.

The council's development control manager, Juliet Stringer, puts the decrease down to the crippling economic downturn which last year significantly damaged the housing market.

Section 106 agreements are a vital source of income for the council's budget and help hit housing targets without damaging the existing community and infrastructure.

The planning committee only grants permission for these contributions if they are necessary to make the proposed development acceptable and actually improve the area.

## Sheps raises glass to pub's charity efforts

A COUNTRYSIDE pub has been recognised for its charity fund-raising and dedication to its punters by Shepherd Neame.

The Walnut Tree in East Farleigh fought off stiff competition to be crowned the company's Community Pub of the Year.

Licensees Don and Glynis Cross were picked as the deserving winners for the award after they raised £1,100 to buy a life-saving defibrillator through bar collections and quiz nights.

The machine provides vital on-the-spot life-saving equipment for use by paramedics and community first responders.

The pub, in Forge Lane, is now a defibrillator station for the rural area of south east Maidstone.

Mrs Cross, who is already a St John's Ambulance first-aider, is having special training in using the defibrillator and has applied to become a community first responder herself, covering a two-mile radius around the village.

The mother-of-two said: "We are delighted to win the Heart of the Community award, and it's really down to the support of our customers, so a big thanks to them."

"They've helped us raise money for a defibrillator and are always so generous when we hold fund-raising events."

Mr and Mrs Cross were presented with their award at a special ceremony in Brewer's Hall, London.

## Decision time over gypsy village future

AN APPLICATION for a permanent gypsy site in small village is due to be decided tomorrow.

The proposal for a development of four mobile homes and six touring caravans in Lenham was deferred until tomorrow night's meeting of Maidstone council's planning meeting on the grounds more research needed to be done.

Despite six out of the eleven votes being in favour of the proposal, the committee's chairman – councillor Richard Lusty – ruled a noise assessment needed to be carried out at the site, which is known as Wheatgratten, off Lenham Forstal Road, as well as an ecological survey in relation to a pond.

An investigation into the agricultural grading of the land also needed to be completed.

The proposal was recommended to go ahead by a council case officer even though the parish council and 16 residents have stressed their objection.

The concerned neighbours argue the gypsy site will have an "adverse impact on the character and appearance of the countryside" and would not be inappropriate for the village setting.

## 'We'll come down hard on those who flout the law'

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"There were luxuries that you purchased for your family, by reason of holiday abroad, which were expensive.

"Again that, it seems to me, is an aggravating feature of your case."

The benefit cheat was sentenced to 16 weeks imprisonment, suspended for two years, as well as a 12-month supervision order.

Steve McGinnes, head of

Maidstone council's benefits department, was pleased with the outcome.

He said: "This is one of our most serious benefit fraud cases to date and is a good result for the council."

"Dishonesty, when it comes to any form of benefit, will not be tolerated and this proves we will come down hard on those who are flouting the law."

Mrs Lawrence's entire overpayment has been repaid and

there is no loss to public funds.

Between 2008 and 2009, benefit thieves stole an estimated £900 million from hardworking taxpayers' pockets.

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# Is it a one-horse race for supposedly safe seat?

## ELECTION 2010

BY ANNA WHITE

THE election race is entering the final stages – with just eight days to go until you decide who becomes your next MP.

During the past three weeks seven candidates have been campaigning for votes across the Maidstone and the Weald constituency in the hope of replacing retiring MP Ann Widdecombe.

The contenders are fellow Tory Helen Grant, Peter Carroll for the Liberal Democrats, Labour's Rav Seeruthun, Stuart Jeffery for the

Green Party, UKIP party member Gareth Kendall, Gary Butler for the National Front and Heidi Simmonds for The Christian Party.

While the constituency is considered a safe seat by the Conservatives – having been held by the party since 1987 – feedback from readers of this paper suggests the result could be closer than first thought.

Mrs Grant and Mr Carroll appear to have pulled clear of their rivals and have been fiercely competing against one another.

The Tory hopeful has gained overwhelming support from the electorate thanks to her ongoing work with families, charities, organisations and rural businesses – key areas she has worked hard to help since she was selected in 2006.

Mr Carroll, on the other hand, has made a name for himself through his part in the high-profile Gurkha Justice Campaign with actress Joanna Lumley.

The Lib Dem candidate appeared on news channels across the globe when he and the Absolutely Fabulous star successfully persuaded the government to allow all Gurkha veterans to settle in the UK.

The two candidates share common ground as they are both in favour of overturning the NHS's decision to move Maidstone Hospital's consultant-led maternity unit to its new Pembury site and are both fighting to block the Kent International Gateway road-to-rail interchange.

Both have hit the campaign trail hard, going doorstep to doorstep in a bid to gain more support.

Mrs Grant has gone the extra mile, literally, to show she wants to help others by visiting community groups and completing the London Marathon on Sunday in aid of the Maidstone branch of Tomorrow's People.

The charity supports unemployed residents



**IN THE RUNNING:** Conservative candidate Helen Grant with her Virgin London Marathon medal

and helps them secure a job – something Mrs Grant feels strongly about.

She has a key advantage, with current MP Ms Widdecombe at her side, but the mother-of-two's place in parliament is not yet in the bag.

Who wins the right to represent Maidstone and the Weald is up to you. Cast your vote on Thursday, May 6.

• For more on the General Election race turn to pages eight and nine



**CONFIDENT:** Stuart Jeffery

## 'The only socialist candidate in the Weald'

GREEN candidate Stuart Jeffery believes being the only socialist standing for Maidstone and the Weald gives him a unique advantage.

Mr Jeffery, a trained nurse, thinks his political selling point will help him secure a majority vote by appealing to left-leaning residents, while his competitors share the middle ground and far right.

He said: "Having seen the list of candidates I am up against, I quickly

realised that I was the only socialist on the ballot paper in Maidstone and the Weald.

"While it is disappointing that the mix of candidates was not more spread, it does mean that there is only one choice for left-leaning voters.

"Since Labour entered the mushy centre-right ground of the Lib Dems and Tories in 1997, their support has dwindled and is now at an all time low.

"The Christian Party, UKIP and the

National Front are all to the right of the Conservatives, leaving only the Greens to represent a progressive vote for social injustice, equality and fairness.

"Ecology has always gone hand in hand with equality and I am proud to be standing on a radical platform of job creation, environmental protection and sound economics."

If elected, Mr Jeffery would focus his efforts on putting a stop to cuts in public services and campaign for invest-

ment in jobs which would reduce energy, such as engineering, the building industry and public transport.

He would also campaign to keep core services at Maidstone Hospital, including the consultant-led maternity unit – which he is fighting to overturn in a cross-party campaign.

Has Mr Jeffery's unique option of socialist politics secured your vote? Make your decision on Thursday, May 6.

• Have your say at [www.yourmaidstone.co.uk](http://www.yourmaidstone.co.uk).

## Candidate in call to engage ethnic voters

BUDDING MPs should do more to target ethnic minority voters, according to a British-Asian Parliamentary hopeful.

Dr Rav Seeruthun – Labour candidate for Maidstone and The Weald – said it was important politicians showed a genuine interest in the issues affecting people from all walks of life.

His comments were made in response to a BBC Asian Network survey suggesting just over four in ten Asian voters intend to make the trip to the ballot box next month.

Dr Seeruthun said: "We don't engage Asians in the political process, and especially not the younger ones. In fact, we don't really engage any ethnic minorities.

"Specifically in Kent the debate about immigration gets ethnic minority people down. It's often talked about as being a bad thing but most of our parents came over here for jobs in this country, so there are positive aspects of immigration."

Dr Seeruthun grew up in this country but was born to parents of Guyanese and Mauritian descent.

Despite there being 89 Asian Prospective Parliamentary Candidates across the country compared to 68 in 2005, the BBC survey suggests only 44 per cent of Asian people are certain to vote on May 6.

## Party hopefuls to fight it out as they hit the hustings

FAVERSHAM and Mid Kent hopefuls will go head-to-head when they discuss their policies at a planned hustings.

The candidates are all expected to attend the event, being held at Queen Elizabeth's School, in Faversham.

The question and answer session will start at 6pm on Thursday, April 29, and will be hosted by Reverend Tony Oehring from the town's Parish Church of St Mary of Charity.

Audience members will be able to test the hopefuls' knowledge of the area, ask about their policies and find out what they would do as MP.

The confirmed parliamentary candidates to attend are existing MP Hugh Robertson (Conservative), Sarah Larkins (UKIP), Ashok Rehal (Labour), Tim Valentine (Green) and David Naghi (Liberal Democrat).

It is not known whether Hairy Knorn, from the Monster Raving Loony Party, will join them.

Since the Prime Minister announced the General Election the Faversham and Mid Kent candidates have been busy plastering the

constituency with their leaflets and posters.

Mr Robertson has been delivering his three styles of leaflets across the whole 150-mile constituency.

Residents would have received one of Ms Larkins' 5,000 leaflets and Mr Valentine also promised to deliver his promotional material to every home.

Mr Rehal said he is aiming to knock on thousands of doors across the areas and distribute 3,500 leaflets.

Mr Naghi has been spotted in Maidstone several times – once to launch the Liberal Democrat campaign and another time to support Maidstone and Weald candidate Peter Carroll.

It is likely residents would not have spotted Hairy Knorn out and about as he had opted for a campaign style that "conserves energy and reduces carbon emissions" by not leaving his sofa.

However hard the candidates work, it's up to you who will win the Faversham and Mid Kent seat.

• Let us know who will win your vote at the General Election on May 6 at [www.yourmaidstone.co.uk](http://www.yourmaidstone.co.uk).

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**SHAMED:** Deputy head teacher William Whillock (inset) pleaded guilty at Maidstone Crown Court

# Child sex abuse images shame of deputy head

THE deputy head of Princess Diana's former school has admitted possessing indecent images of children.

William Whillock pleaded guilty to four counts of possessing child sex abuse images when he appeared before Maidstone Crown Court.

The charges relate to "six or seven" photos graded at level one – the least serious category for child abuse images.

The 56-year-old, who worked at The New School, Sevenoaks, was ordered not to apply for any job working with children and was released on bail.

He will be sentenced on Friday, May 21.

Whillock, of Headcorn Road, Staplehurst, pleaded not guilty to a fifth count of causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity and it was agreed the charge would remain on file.

Claire Dury, defending, said Whillock was a man of "hitherto good character" and appealed to Judge Philip Statham to take into account aggravating factors in the case.

Judge Statham said: "I am keeping all sentencing options open in respect of the community penalties."

Whillock, known as Bill to colleagues, was in charge of child protection of the school until he was arrested on January 14.

■ BY ANNA WHITE

Police seized his computer during a search of his office. The school's chair of trustees, Stuart Crookshank, confirmed to the Daily Mail shortly after Whillock was arrested, that he and head teacher Christina Wells had called the police.

Mr Crookshank said: "He was in charge of child protection matters and had been at the school for 11 years."

"The headmistress received information, immediately contacted me and we then contacted the police. We took appropriate action as soon as the information came to light."

Lady Diana Spencer attended in the 1970s when it was a private girls' boarding school, known as West Heath. She later said she had "loved" being there.

The boarding school went into receivership, coincidentally, on the day the Princess of Wales and her partner, Dodi Fayed, were killed in a car crash in 1997.

But it was saved by Dodi's father, Mohammed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, who gave a huge donation to keep the school running in memory of his son and Diana.

It reopened in September, 1998, as The New School, which aimed to rebuild the lives of "emotionally damaged" youngsters.

## yourmaidstone NEWS IN BRIEF

### Young road victim named

A TEENAGER killed in an early-morning car crash has been named.

Police confirmed the young man who died in the crash on the A227, Gravesend Road, was Ben Eason.

The 19-year-old, of Imperial Close, Kings Hill, West Malling, was pronounced dead at the scene.

He was the front seat passenger of a silver Citroen Saxo which crashed at 3am on Saturday, April 3.

Two women, both aged 18, and two men, both aged 19, who were also in the car, were taken to hospital but discharged hours later.

An inquest into Mr Eason's death was opened and adjourned on April 16.

No other vehicle was involved and police are appealing for anyone who saw the Saxo to come forward.

Call the serious collision investigation unit on 01622 798538 if you can help.

### Benefit fraudster caught

A HOUSING benefit cheat has been sentenced to 60 hours of unpaid community service to repay his debt.

Ari Dirwish, of Tovil Road, was slapped with the community order after admitting he failed to inform Maidstone Borough Council he had secured a job.

Maidstone magistrates heard how Dirwish's jobseekers allowance ceased on May 13, 2009, but he had continued to claim for a housing benefit until August 31 of the same year.

The court granted Maidstone council costs of £200.

### You're not yellow, are you?

TEAMS from across the globe have signed up to compete in an annual pie throwing contest but organisers want more UK contenders.

Squads from as far afield as Africa have pledged to take part in this summer's Custard Pie Championships with the aim of stealing the trophy from the Coxheath Till I Pie boys.

Last year's winning team has already signed up for the 2010 event, on Saturday, May 22, at their home pitch of Coxheath village Hall, to defend their title but would like more competitors from Kent. To enter, email Leslee on lesleewcp@googlemail.com.



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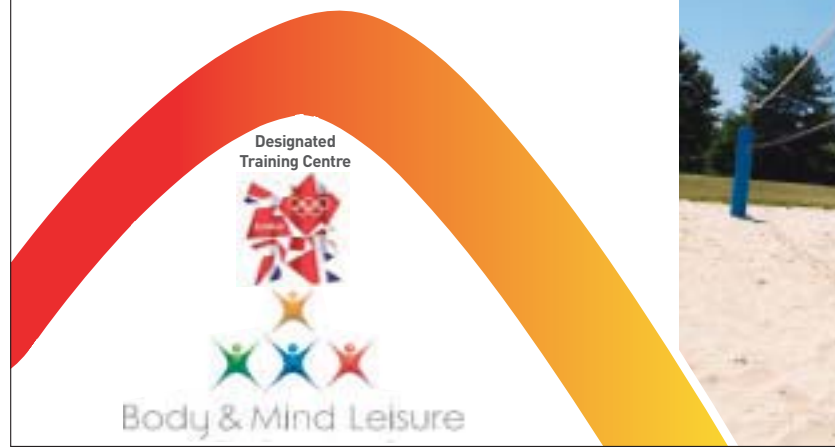
## Image released after Rolex thefts

POLICE have released this image of a suspected thief caught on CCTV at the same time expensive watches were stolen from a house.

The footage shows a white, middle-aged man officers believe forced open a front window of the home, in Marden, at 12.05am and stole two Submariner Date Rolex watches – worth up to £4,995 each.

A computer hard drive was also taken during the robbery – which happened on Monday, March 29.

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FREE REIGN: Tiger Moths fly in empty skies

## Volcano sees moths take to the skies

As volcanic ash closed down UK airspace earlier this month the nostalgic "roar" of vintage Tiger Moth biplanes was heard over the empty skies above London Gatwick airport.

Thirteen classic aircraft from the Tiger Club based at Headcorn flew in perfect formation at 1,000ft over what is usually among the busiest runways in the world.

Among the aircraft taking part in the formation was the world's second oldest Tiger Moth which dates from 1933.

The formation flight was led by former airline pilot Chris Jesson, who explained: "The idea was simple: Gatwick was not operating for commercial traffic and it was a lovely sunny day, so we rallied the troops together and put a call into Gatwick Air Traffic Control to ask permission for the formation flight."

"They were delighted at our request and confirmed that we'd be welcome to fly past, providing we adhered to flight restrictions."

The Tiger Club has been famous for formation display flying and aerobatics since its formative years in the 1950s, when the flying club was based first at Croydon Airport and then at Redhill Aerodrome in Surrey.

It is now based at Headcorn and draws most of its flyers from Kent.

# Historic pavilion is brought out of retirement

A HISTORIC pavilion has been given a new lease of life by staff at a retirement village.

The feature point in Mote Park, which was built in 1801 as a tribute to the Lord Lieutenant, the Earl of Romney, was under threat from overgrowth and had been damaged by roots from a nearby ash sapling tree.

Even though the circular structure, which is surrounded with columns and sheltered by a dome, is located within the public park it now falls under the responsibility of Mote House – a specially designed campus for the elderly.

Workers at the newly-built centre for the over 55s became concerned that the pavilion was in danger of serious damage and so joined forces to repair it and bring it back to its former glory.

Shayne Browne, head gardener at the retirement village, said: "We are responsible for 11 acres surrounding Mote House, given its historic importance we couldn't bear for the damage to continue."

"The work needed to be carried out before the prime growing time as the roots would have become uncontrollable."

■ BY ANNA WHITE

"We spent more than 40 man hours sorting out the undergrowth and trying to bring some order to the vegetation growing around it."

"We liaised with the parks and open spaces department at Maidstone council and a volunteer from Friends of Mote Park came along to help out too."

"As you can see from the photos, there is a marked difference."

It is hoped the refurbished structure will blend in with the ongoing improvements to Mote Park being made by the council after it received £124,000 boost from The Heritage Lottery Fund.

The overall renovation project will cost £2.5million and will enhance the park's historic features, like the pavilion, as well as adding new ones.

The pavilion, built by Volunteers of Kent, was first erected close to the site of the original Mote House but the historic home was knocked down shortly after. A new building now sits at the former site, which is part of the residential village.



BEFORE AND AFTER: The pavilion in Mote Park is being given a new lease of life thanks to dedicated volunteers

The development, run by Audley, was opened officially in 2008 and boasts 86 houses and apartments in 450 acres of the public park.

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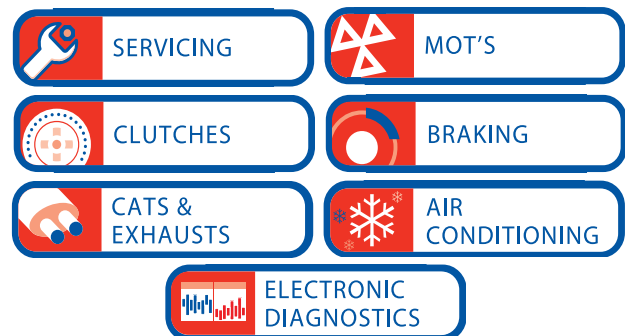


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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### TIM VALENTINE



**Q** Tell us a bit about yourself and your family history?

**A** I am a professor of psychology at Goldsmiths, University of London, where I teach psychology and law. My research is on eyewitness identification evidence, which has involved collaboration with police forces.

I am a director of a small company that provides expert advice and training in forensic facial identification. Recent cases include Barry George, wrongly convicted for murder of Jill Dando, Abdulbaset al Megrahi, who was convicted for the Lockerbie bomb, and Omar Deghayes, a British resident formerly detained at Guantanamo Bay.

I'm 50 years old and I am married to Viv, and have lived in Selling for 10 years.

**Q** When did you first decide you wanted to be involved in politics?

**A** On Saturday, March 22, 2003. I had been on the demonstration against the Iraq war when two million people protested in London. I also joined a demonstration on the first Saturday after the war started. Both Labour and the Conservatives supported the war.

Although the Liberal Democrats had been on the first march, they did not protest once the war started. It was deeply shocking to know that none of the three main parties had the moral courage to speak out against an illegal act of war. So I joined the Greens who have the courage to fight for a fairer world.

## ELECTION 2010

**Q** Why do you want to be an MP?

**A** We have been badly let down by our MPs of the three main parties. With political influence for sale, the main parties cannot give their MPs the independence needed to represent the people without fear or favour.

**Q** If elected you will replace the Conservative MP Hugh Robertson. How do you feel about the possibility of stepping into his shoes?

**A** The financial crisis has torn the veil from the Tories' 'compassionate conservatism'.

They will let the market rip, and hope that the voluntary sector will pick up the pieces. It's guaranteed to deepen inequality and destroy the planet. I'll be on a different path.

**Q** Mr Robertson has been in the Mid Kent and Faversham seat since 2001, why should residents vote for a change? What would a Green MP bring to the area?

**A** Hugh Robertson supported the Iraq war, supported replacing Trident nuclear weapons, and opposed the hunting ban. He voted for immense human suffering, nuclear proliferation, and promoted cruelty.

He did not vote on the Climate Change Bill, and so failed to show any leadership on the

most important challenge facing humanity.

More financial chaos and environmental breakdown or policies that make social and environmental sense? More relentless materialism or a fairer, more affordable life?

**Q** Which issues do you feel most passionately about in the constituency?

**A** I'm passionate about tackling injustice. That means more jobs that pay a living wage, affordable homes and reducing fuel poverty. It means better education, free social care, and protecting our local public services.

**Q** If elected, how would you tackle these issues?

**A** I would campaign for a million new jobs, well-insulated, affordable homes, better public transport, and fuel security through investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy. The Green Party has a fully-costed policy to tackle these issues. If we can afford to fight wars, buy nuclear weapons and bail out banks, we can invest in jobs and homes.

**Q** The last, but not least, question - are you feeling confident?

**A** It is likely that the first Green MPs will be elected to Westminster at this election. Every vote for a Green candidate will push equality and the environment up the political agenda, and give the Green MPs a stronger mandate to fight for a fairer world.

**Q & A**

The Green parliamentary candidate for Faversham and Mid Kent talks to **Anna White** about the day he became involved in politics, why he wants to be an MP and why residents should vote for change.



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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### HELEN GRANT



**Q** Tell us a bit about yourself and your family history?

**A** I was born in London to a single mum and brought up on a council estate in Carlisle for much of my early childhood. My mother was a nurse. I attended Hull University and qualified as a solicitor in 1988.

Since 1996 I have run my own legal practice. It is mainly a legal aid firm centred on helping the needy and vulnerable.

I am married to Simon, who is also a solicitor. We have two teenage sons, one at school and the other training to be a Royal Marine Commando. We have a border terrier.

**Q** When did you first decide you wanted to be involved in politics?

**A** I have always had strong, clear views about the issues that affect most of us, regardless of party politics. My biggest motivator is seeing that justice is done, and seen to be done.

I also care deeply about the freedom of our business people to create wealth as well as strengthening our families and enabling social mobility.

My party political awakening came in 2004. My children were becoming more independent, my business had started to mature, with a good management team in place, and I was ready for a new challenge where I might be able to continue helping other people both as individuals but also on a broader scale. Politics seemed to be the obvious route.

## ELECTION 2010

**Q** What was it about the Conservative party which earned your support?

**A** I am a Conservative because I believe in individual freedom combined with personal responsibilities, free enterprise and a non-interfering state.

When David Cameron became leader of the Conservative party in December 2005 I was instantly inspired by his views. He has a sense of fairness and clarity of vision.

He promised to address gender and diversity imbalances within the Parliamentary Party and he recognised that there was a whole generation of people out there, business people, professionals and entrepreneurs, who wanted to work hard and do well themselves but who also believed in social justice.

I felt 'that's me', and joined the Conservative party shortly after, in January 2006, and applied to become a candidate.

**Q** If you are successful at the General Election, you would be the Conservative party's first black female MP. If this happens, is it a moment you would be proud to be a part of?

**A** I understand that being first and being different may be of interest to some people. If it helps to break down one of those glass ceilings, inspires others and enables them to

climb through too, then it's a good thing. But my focus now is to become the next elected member for Maidstone and the Weald.

**Q** If elected you will replace the long-standing Conservative MP Ann Widdecombe, how do you feel about stepping into her shoes?

**A** I don't think anyone will ever step into her shoes. She is unique. What I will seek to emulate, however, is the integrity of service that she has given, her strength of conviction, and her determination to speak out in accordance with her conscience.

**Q** If elected, what would you bring to the Maidstone and Weald seat?

**A** I will continue to drive forward the many campaigns in which I have been involved in Maidstone and the Weald over the last two-and-a-half years, which include helping families and businesses get through the recession and keeping a full maternity service, and other vital services, at Maidstone hospital. I will continue to campaign to ensure that all of our children have good local schools.

I want to see the Kent International Gateway proposals defeated so that our precious countryside is protected. I will carry on with the fight to restore our commuter rail services, I will promote our cultural heritage and I will continue with initiatives to engage with, and support, business people, farmers and people involved in the rural economy.

Q & A

The Conservative candidate talks to **Anna White** about why she joined the Conservative party, how it would feel to take over from Ann Widdecombe and what she would bring to Maidstone and the Weald

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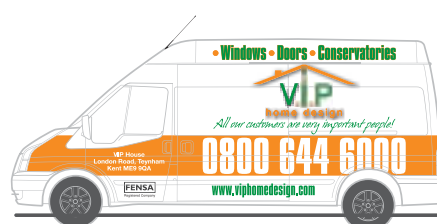


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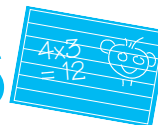
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## BREAK TIME

## Fashion show will help cancer charity

HEART FM radio DJ Claire Lawson is to host a student fashion show in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The weekend radio presenter will entertain the audience at the charity event while students from New Line Learning and Cornwallis Academies unveil a range of clothes from stores in Maidstone.

The stylish pupils will be joined on the catwalk by teachers and staff from the NLL site in Loose and the Cornwallis Academy base in Linton.

As well as the high-street collection, the volunteer models will also be showcasing their own recycled outfits and will be joined by a special guest – Maidstone Town Centre Management's Bag Lady.

The Bag Lady, who wears a dress made from rubbish collected from the streets, was unveiled in the town last year as part of an initiative to rid the town of plastic bags.

During the evening, on Monday, May 10, guests will be able to enjoy refreshments and a raffle.

The prizes, donated by businesses, include tickets to a Big Brother Eviction Night, a place at Soccer Elite's June Soccer School, £50 food voucher for The Cock Inn, Boughton Monchelsea, and a £25 voucher for The Mall Shopping Centre.

All profits raised from the show will go to cancer charity Macmillan.

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# Word-perfect pupils are on the way to national success

INTELLIGENT school-girls are closer to winning a national spelling competition after soaring through their regional heats.

The three girls from Invicta Grammar School won their place in the semi-final of the contest, sponsored by The Times newspaper, when they defeated three other Kent-based teams in the first round.

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls came second and The Norton Knatchbull School, from Ashford, was ranked third place.

## Amazing

The words the winners Sophie Aujard, Bethany Eves and Emily Hunter, all aged 12, spelled to seal their victory included pluperfect and coherent.

Sophie said: "It was great fun. The team were amazing and I'm very proud of what we've achieved."

Teacher Lynne Jackson was also pleased with the girls' success at the regional heat, held at Ashford Cineworld, on Monday, April 19.

She said: "I'm very proud of the girls. They were fantastic."

The talented team will now head to the next stage of The

■ BY ANNA WHITE

Times Spelling Bee in May and compete against 1,000 other schools.

The ten winning entrants from the semi-finals will then go through to the final stage at The Institute of Education, in London, on Thursday, June 24.

The Times Spelling Bee is the UK's only national spelling competition for schools.

It was started to discover the country's best young spellers and make spelling fun for all children.

In a message to the contestants, the editor of The Times, James Harding, said: "Spelling is important, but learning to spell can be frustrating, perplexing and bewildering."

"Our aim through The Times Spelling Bee is to help to make spelling fun. I'm very excited to be launching the 2010 championship and wish all the teams taking part the best of luck."

"I hope your school will take the opportunity to enter a team and fingers crossed that I might see you all at the 2010 championship Grand Final."

The spelling competition is one in a series of nationwide initiatives supported by Cineworld cinemas to help encourage students and teachers to read.



SPELLING IT OUT: (From left to right) Emily Hunter, Sophie Aujard and Bethany Eves

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**HAPPY DAYS:** An increasing number of youngsters are signing up to join in the Scouting movement fun

# Looking for adventure

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

THE biggest membership surge in 38 years suggests the Scouting Movement in Kent is battling back against video games and the internet.

Just over 500 youngsters signed up last year – the largest increase since 1972 – meaning a total of 18,267 are now living Robert Baden-Powell's vision throughout the county.

There are also a record number of teenage Scouts in Kent, with the figure currently standing at 2,427 – about 25 per cent more than when the information was first collated in 2001.

And membership will likely increase for the sixth year running in 2011 if the current 1,000-name waiting list is anything to go by.

Chief Scout Bear Grylls said: "It's fantastic to witness such a huge surge in Scouting – the biggest growth for 38 years – and proof that Scouting is appealing more and more to

teenagers. Scouting is empowering, wild and fun, and offers so many adventure-based activities for young people and adults alike.

"My goal is for every young person who wants to be involved in Scouting to be able to be. So I hope to inspire even more adults to volunteer and help this happen."

The Scout Movement began in 1907 when Baden-Powell – a Lieutenant General in the British Army – held the first Scouting encampment at Brownsea Island, Dorset.

His aim from the beginning was to support young people in their "physical, mental and spiritual development", so they could play constructive roles in society.

Today there are more than 28 million Scouts around the world, with girls also now allowed to join.

And despite recent technological advancements such as video gaming and the internet,

the Scouts have adapted to change with successful ideas such as the IT badge.

However, the movement still relies heavily on outdoor activities such as camping, water-skiing and abseiling to draw youngsters in.

But despite the membership surge in Kent, the increase in volunteers is less than one per cent – well below the UK average of 3.1 per cent.

This means the number of children on the Scout waiting list is up by a massive 23.8 per cent from last year compared to the national average of 0.4 per cent.

Kent leader John Hunt urged other would-be volunteers to follow in his footsteps.

He said: "I absolutely love being a leader. I decided to get involved because I wanted to give something back to young people in my community, but I've really benefited as well."

"I've been able to transfer the skills I've developed as a leader to my day job, and that's been really important to me."

• Visit [www.kentscouts.org.uk](http://www.kentscouts.org.uk) to find out more.

## Steel rope reins in foreign motorists

NEW powers are helping Kent Police clamp down on foreign motorists who had been getting away with serious breaches of the law.

Since last year, the force has had the power to disable vehicles belonging to overseas visitors if they can't pay on-the-spot fines.

Between April, 2009, and March, 2010, Kent officers immobilised 125 vehicles using a steel rope padlocked around a wheel and the chassis. Police say the new law also means there have been fewer collisions and casualties on the county's roads.

Kent Police said that between April and October, 2008, there were 43 collisions and 68 casualties on our roads involving non-UK registered goods vehicles.

During the same period the following year, that fell to 34 collisions and 47 casualties. Before the new laws, police said their hands were tied. Officers were unable to issue fixed penalty notices to non-UK registered drivers because there was no guarantee a penalty would be paid within 28 days.

There was also no provision for checking whether or not they had committed previous offences that would lead to an automatic driving disqualification in the UK.

### Roadside fines

The powers were given by the Road Safety Act 2006, which received its national launch in Kent in April, 2009.

It ensures traffic legislation is now applied to all drivers on UK roads. Provisions allow non-UK drivers, and even British residents who can't provide a valid address, to be handed roadside fines of up to £900. Police can request immediate deposit in sterling or by credit card.

If they can't pay, the vehicle is immobilised until payment is made. Police can also immobilise defective vehicles until they are repaired, or until commercial vehicle drivers have taken a break if they exceed permitted driving times.

Officers say fear of detection is now higher because of the new enforcement tactics.

In the first year of the scheme, Kent Police have taken 1,464 'roadside deposits' amounting to £40,500. The fines are audited, and the cash goes to Treasury coffers.

A Kent Police spokesman said: "As with all penalty notices, we do not retain any revenue or receive administration costs, so there is no cash incentive."

"The introduction of the deposit scheme allows police to enforce the law fairly and consistently, regardless of where drivers are from."

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## Vote for big three is a vote for Brussels

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But to do so means they also support transferring any powers remaining at Westminster to an unaccountable regime in Brussels (75 per cent has already been transferred); establishing unaccountable regional governments that bypass Westminster and act directly on Brussels' orders (they already exist but are in stealth mode); abolishing the House of Commons.

What no-one can explain to me is why anyone would want to be an MP with such a policy, why would anyone want to be an MP and work for Westminster's demise?

Alternatively on Thursday, May 6 voters can vote for a party that believes in freedom, self determination and democracy.

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**HUNTING REPEAL:** David Cameron

## Tories are out of the hunt for my vote

I won't be voting Conservative because the current party leadership has vowed that if they win this election they will try to repeal the Hunting Act.

The fact that at least 75 per cent of the population are against this law makes me worry that we are going to be bullied into accepting other policies that are only supported by the minority. That is not a democratic process

## your blogger

Just because Jack May, 15, can't vote doesn't mean he has nothing to say about the election ...



**Jack May has been on work experience with KOS Media. Here he gives his view of what the General Election means to him.**

**I AM** a 15-year-old pupil from Ashford and too young to vote this time.

I enjoy most sports, preferably football and cricket. I also enjoy listening to and playing music, just like many boys my age.

Currently, the General Election is pretty much the only news item on the agenda and on the front of every newspaper.

Politics doesn't particularly interest me, however I understand the importance of the event but do feel it is being hyped up a little too much.

If you gave me the choice, I wouldn't want any of the candidates as Prime Minister of our country.

They are all about themselves and have turned becoming PM and politics into a fight and who can come out on top, rather than who can offer the best for the country.

The way they constantly take digs at one another is childish – and the national papers do nothing to help.

They all try to pick out the problems in each other's policies, rather than focusing on their own.

Personally, I see all the candidates as fake and not really in touch with everyday life. They are all too posh and don't seem to understand what normal people want. The country as a whole needs a change of direction and Gordon Brown seems to have caused

nothing but trouble since he took over from Tony Blair. If Britain is to come out of the recession unscathed, Labour cannot be the party to lead the country, in my view.

To me, Mr Brown seems an arrogant man, throwing his toys out of his pram when he can't get his own way. This is not the kind of man Britain needs as a leader. That leaves the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats.

Now, being a teenager below voting age, I have little idea what any of their specific policies are, so have to base my judgement on what I have read and seen from their public performances.

In the first televised leaders' debate (which I didn't watch as I had better things to do) the Lib Dems and Nick Clegg seemed to win over the public.

However, in the run up to the second debate last Thursday, the national press were targeting Mr Clegg for some things he has said. Some papers suggested he wasn't the right man to lead the country either.

This leaves the Conservatives and David Cameron, who goes about his business quietly and seems like an all right guy.

He seems to have a good public persona and can see the funny side (referring to egg-throwing incident, for example) and is not always serious (which can get a bit boring).

From what I have seen and heard, the Tories are top of most polls and offer the best policies. For this reason, I would vote for them on May 6.

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in my opinion and I don't want to be associated with any candidate that agrees with this.

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## Website lets you pick policies over parties

One way of avoiding the media hype and focus on personalities rather than issues is to judge the policies directly without even knowing which party promotes each one.

The website [whogetsmyvote.com](http://whogetsmyvote.com) allows you to do just that.

I have to say it is quite scary at times (I had no idea I would choose the Labour option on one policy and the Tory one on another).

I will be visiting the site many times until the election and I am quite sure it may affect which way I vote. Worth a look.

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## There are socialists left in the Weald

Having seen the list of candidates that I am up against, I quickly realised that I was the only socialist on the ballot paper in Maidstone and the Weald.

While it is disappointing that the mix of candidates was not more

spread, it does mean that there is only one choice for left leaning voters.

Since Labour entered the mushy centre-right ground of the Lib Dems and Tories in 1997, their support has dwindled and is now at an all time low. The Christian Party, UKIP and the National Front are all to the right of the Conservatives, leaving only the Greens to represent a progressive vote for social justice, equality and fairness.

Ecology has always gone hand in hand with equality and I am proud to be standing on a radical platform of job creation, environmental protection and sound economics.

We have an urgent need to rapidly reduce our dependency on oil, gas and coal and we won't do this by cutting spending. Cutting spending will create a double dip recession and plunge millions of workers back into misery.

We need to create a million jobs in public transport, engineering, and the building industry to ensure our homes are properly insulated and renewable energy is generated wherever possible.

While creating jobs, we also want to see less inequality in society. Our tax plans would see 87 per cent of people being better off, especially those on lower incomes. For example, we would increase the state pension to £170 per week and reintroduce the ten per cent tax bracket.

On the other hand, we would end the upper limit on National Insurance and introduce a 50 per

cent tax bracket at £100k meaning that the super rich would start to pay their way in society.

**Stuart Jeffery**  
Green Party parliamentary candidate for  
Maidstone and the Weald



**STOP FAR RIGHT:** Rav Seeruthun

## No place for National Front in this election

I have contacted the other candidates to join a cross-party stop the National Front campaign.

I have been made aware that the National Front have handed the official papers in to stand a candidate in Maidstone and the Weald.

This will be the first time the party has stood a candidate in the General Election campaign. Given that both Helen Grant and I are from ethnic backgrounds I fear that this is the reason that they have put a candidate up.

They have not done this before, and we must attack them head-on

with a cross-party approach.

My parents came from Mauritius and Guyana to work in the NHS in the 1960s, and I became an NHS doctor.

Immigration can improve this country, as long as it is balanced and fair. I went on to discuss this issue further on the streets of Maidstone on Sunday, April 18 and comments from locals included "we have got to stop them, this country needs to know more about them".

I will try and organise a Stop the National Front campaign that also involves the public and hopes to have a public event with all the candidates.

**Rav Seeruthun**  
Labour parliamentary candidate for  
Maidstone and the Weald  
By Email

## Green a vote for improved education

Education should promote social and emotional well-being, equality, inclusion and responsibility. It can only do this if it is properly resourced.

The Green Party's suggested move towards a progressive tax system would enable new investment in improved schooling and training, and address skills shortages.

We would:

- Ensure most children are able to attend a good local school with admissions policies decided locally.
- End the Kent Test and create a comprehensive school system in Kent and Medway.
- Move gradually to smaller class sizes, spending a further £500 million on 15,000 more teachers to ensure classes are an average of 20 pupils by the end of the Parliament.
- Protect smaller schools and create more.
- Phase out student tuition fees in higher education.
- Remove the cap on university places and the block Gordon Brown placed on 40,000 foreign students entering the UK to study.
- Move towards ending the need for private education by creating a programme of voluntary assimilation of private schools into the state sector.
- Phase out city academies and trust schools because it is wrong to allow business and other outside organisations to have too great an influence over schools.
- Abolish the remaining SATS tests, and give schools and teachers more freedom over the curriculum they teach.
- We would also provide a full half-day a week of inviting physical activity for every child, and at least one day a year learning in the natural environment.
- Provide free school meals for all with locally sourced or fair-trade and (where possible) organic food, and with a vegetarian option;
- Introduce children to renewable technologies at school by ensuring that most schools get the bulk of their energy from on-site renewable sources.

**Kent Green Party**  
By email



WHAT A NEUTER: Nick Topper and Yowsah

## Rock icon joins RSPCA campaign

A CLAMPDOWN on aggressive dogs is sometimes the only way to prevent a white riot, claims The Clash's former lead singer Topper Headon.

Dover resident Topper – or rather Nick these days – has teamed up with his local RSPCA branch to help promote the charity's aid campaign for all Staffordshire bull terriers to be neutered.

The rock icon said he wanted to get involved because he had first-hand experience of how difficult it can be for non-neutered dogs and their owners alike.

He said: "I have a fantastic 12-year-old Staffie called Yowsah. When he was four he started to become aggressive and was trying to fight with other dogs all the time, and it wasn't enjoyable to take him out."

"He was a changed dog afterwards – so much happier, calmer and much more fun to take out."

The RSPCA offer is for male and female dogs belonging to owners on benefits and living in the Dover and Deal area. The closing date to apply is May 14 but there are limited vouchers so it may close earlier if they are all snapped up.

Call 07955 913 556 for more information.

# Recession bites as organic food sales decrease

KENT'S organic farmers have backed the findings of a new report showing a rapid decline in the demand for their food products.

As the effects of the recession continue to bite, a report found sales of organic food, drink and other products slumped by almost 13 per cent last year.

Producers are finding consumers are shying away from organically grown products such as vegetables because they tend to be more expensive.

With all the belt-tightening going on, organic farmers in Kent are feeling those effects, too.

Alan Brockman helps run Perry Court Farm in Petham, near Canterbury. He said they used to supply a couple of dozens restaurants in the region, but many have gone out of business.

Mr Brockman, a partner in the company, said: "We have had very difficult times because we have had a lot of bad debts."

"That hasn't helped. It's all part of the recession. You need good credit ratings to survive. We have had to contract quite a lot."

## ■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

Gerry Minister has run Luddesdown Organic Farm since 1986 and was one of the movement's pioneers.

He said: "People do think organic foods are more expensive, and at one time, they were. But these days there is very little between them, so cost really is not that big an issue these days."

"However, it is true that the price does appear very much differently by the time the products reach the supermarket shelves."

"If people were to come to our farm shop they would find the prices are almost the same."

Mr Minister farms 1,100 acres in the small village of Luddesdown near Gravesend. He said: "Sales of organic produce are all down, but I am surprised it is only down by 13 per cent, but I suppose that is an average."

"The recession started to effect us in 2008 and 2009 was not good. It's not picking up yet really."

"There are two factors – one is a perception of extra cost, but our retail shop doesn't reflect that."

"And the supermarket putting up prices and shrinking shelf space hasn't done us much good."



PRICE CROP: Farm manager Gerry Minister tests the grain

"I think if people knew how prices are now, they would buy a lot more of it. If they come direct to us, they can see for themselves. They would see it is not all bad news."

The Organic Market Report 2010 found the worst trading climate for 20 years.

Home delivery organic vegetable and fruit boxes also fell out of favour, with a 9.8 per cent drop, while sales of organic goods in supermarkets fell by 12 per cent, and in the independent sector – farm shops and health food outlets – by almost 18 per cent.

In total across the UK, organic sales fell last year from a record high of £2.1bn in 2008 to £1.84bn, according to the report compiled annually by the Soil Association.

Dairy remains overall the most popular food category, accounting for 33 per cent of all sales.

Despite the publicity given to animal welfare by chefs such as Jamie Oliver and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, consumers also fell out of love with expensive organic meat.

The report said demand for organic beef fell by 30 per cent and lamb by 10 per cent with organic chicken production slashed by 20 per cent.

## THE DEMELZA MAY BALL EASTWELL MANOR

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- 7.00 pm Champagne and Canape Reception
- 7.30 pm Dinner is served
- Entertainment
- A short live auction
- Dancing to live band and disco
- The draw will take place at midnight to find the lucky winner of the Mini First car competition
- Dancing continues until 1 am

- Dress Code: Black Tie
- Carriages: 1.00 am
- Tickets: £100.00 each (tables are for 10 guests and smaller numbers will be combined)

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Committee members: Mr Turlow Parrott (Ball Chairman), Patsy Barnett, Lindsey Brake, Sue Cross, Anna Hanway, Dee Jones, Sarah Kennedy, Sharon Parker, Sally Rumbelow, Katie Scott, Fima Stanley.



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# Venue bringing good food right up to date

### ■ Verve Grill, Village Hotel

ADDING a modern vibe to the hotel and leisure market is the Village Hotel and Leisure Club, one of the most popular, up-to-date and trendy venues in Maidstone.

Part of a complex which includes 122 bedrooms, a Starbucks, leisure club and pool along with conference facilities popular eating and drinking venues, the Victory Pub and Verve Grill Restaurant still manage to stand out.

Not only is the menu deliciously dotted with modern classics, no-one can fail to appreciate the ambience, which is spot on when it comes to the discerning diner and drinker.

The Victory is a traditional pub within the hotel and offers a great choice of quality beers alongside a choice of wine and pub food.

Meanwhile, the Verve Grill has a wide range of fresh, modern, European dishes with regular menu changes to keep both staff and customers on their toes – and waiting for the latest treat.

A Robbie Williams tribute night takes place on Friday, May 14, with Blondie a fortnight later.

A Blues Brothers-style band takes to the stage on Friday June 18 and two days later is a Father's Day carvery.



David White, deputy general manager, has 16 years experience in the trade.

Every Thursday is a Girls at the Grill night and the special Hot Rock Grill – where guests become chefs with their own hot rocks – are

very popular. This treat is available from Monday to Saturday from 6-9.45pm.

**Verve Grill, Village Hotel and Leisure Club, Castle View,  
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Dessert: Strawberries with liquor  
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## DAY & NIGHT

### A love story for April

SET in 1920s England, *Loving April* is a portrayal of a young woman trapped by society's strict values.

Oxfordshire Theatre Company presents the powerful love story at Lenham Community Centre at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets, at £8, are available from the centre on 01622 853800, mornings only, or by calling 01622 858011.

### TV's Big Chris roars in

CHILDREN'S favourite Roary the Racing Car will be appearing at Fremlin Walk in Maidstone's Classic Car Show.

The TV character and mechanic Big Chris can be seen in front of House of Fraser between 10.30am to 4.30pm on Sunday. There will also be classic cars and motorbikes on display. For details visit [www.fremlinwalk.co.uk](http://www.fremlinwalk.co.uk).

### Music to help Heroes

ENJOY live music with Herofest at the Red Lion in Northfleet on Sunday.

With 45 bands performing over four stages, Herofest is a huge event which boasts big names like Kingskin, Tokyo Jo, Adelaide and Tyrannosaurus Alan.

The fun starts at 1pm and entry costs £5 with proceeds going to Help for Heroes.

### Country fun for family

DISCOVER exciting activities and entertainment at the Kent County Fair.

Running at The Hop Farm in Paddock Wood from Saturday to Bank Holiday Monday, the programme includes gun dog displays, pony club games, and family activities. Tickets are £10.50 in advance, £12.50 on the gate. For details visit [www.thehopfarm.co.uk](http://www.thehopfarm.co.uk).

### Flushed with laughter

GIRLS just want to have fun in the riotous musical *Hot Flush!* which visits Dartford next week.

Lesley Joseph leads the cast in a hilarious story about four women going through the menopause at the Orchard Theatre in Dartford on Monday and Tuesday.

To book call 01322 220000 or visit [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk).

### Have a ball at dockyard

CELEBRATE victory at the VE Day Ball at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham.

On Saturday, May 8, revellers are invited to enjoy an evening of 1940s music in this atmospheric setting. Tickets cost £12.50/£10 for adults, £8 for children and £33.50 for families of four. To book call 01634 823826 or visit [www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk).

### Recorder festival dates

TALENTED young musicians will demonstrate the joys of the recorder at Mote Hall in Maidstone.

Kent Music's three-day Spring Recorder Festival involves more than 400 children and culminates in a concert at 7.30pm on Friday. Tickets cost £4 from Denise Milne on 01622 358435 or email [dmilne@kent-music.com](mailto:dmilne@kent-music.com).

# Take a chance on two timeless acts

Sing along to hits of Abba and the Bee Gees at ultimate tribute night

## THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

Friday, April 30

Central Theatre, Chatham.



FANS of timeless pop will be in heaven with the toe-tapping tribute show, *Thank You For the Music*.

In the company of ABBA Magic and Bee Gees Magic, music lovers can enjoy a fantastic evening packed with unforgettable tunes and sing-along anthems.

So whether you long to demonstrate why you are a Dancing Queen or have been struck down with *Night Fever*, this show is sure to get those feet moving and transport you back to a golden age of disco.

Now in its 17th year, *Thank You For the Music* has been filling venues for longer than ABBA's reign as the kings and queens of pop. Expect rousing performances of all your favourite hits, along with infectious dance routines, a new set list and captivating costumes.

For four decades, ABBA have been delighting established fans and finding new audiences with their unforgettable songs. Even those who are too young to remember the hits the first time around will still know songs like *Super Trouper* and *Take A Chance On Me*, thanks to the success of the hit stage and screen musical, *Mamma Mia!* Meryl Streep and Piers Brosnan starred in the film version, which took the music of ABBA to a whole new audience.

The Swedish band – Anni-Frid Lyngstad, better known as Frida, Bjorn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson and Agnetha Faltskog – formed in 1970, little knowing that they were to become arguably the most iconic pop group of all time.

With their song *Waterloo*, they won the 1973 Eurovision Song Contest, marking the start of a phenomenally successful career in which they dominated the charts in many countries.

Over the years they recorded 19 top 20 hits and hit the number one spot nine times. But more than this, their music has endured over the decades and still receives constant radio airplay, while no disco or karaoke evening would be complete without a rendition of *Dancing Queen*, *The Winner Takes It All* or *Knowing Me, Knowing You*.

Martin Spooner, who plays Bjorn in the show, spoke about the extraordinary effect ABBA had on the music world and their fans. "Few bands can claim to have made as big an impact on British pop music history," he said. "Their million-selling hits, such as *The Name of the Game* and *Mamma Mia*, are eternal. ABBA's music is as popular now as it was in their 70s and 80s heyday. *Thank You For the Music* continues this incredible legacy."

The Bee Gees have also released a huge catalogue of timeless music, and their unmistakable style continues to enthrall their fans.



With the soundtrack for hit movie *Saturday Night Fever*, the band produced truly iconic tunes that fill dance floors to this day. They have also written hits for other artists.

With numbers such as *Stayin' Alive*, *Massachusetts* and *How Deep Is Your Love*, the Bee Gees have more than earned their place in the hearts and record collections of

millions of fans. Fans now have the chance to hear those fantastic songs played live once again in this exciting and affectionate celebration of two musical greats.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18/£17. Book online at [www.thecentraltheatre.co.uk](http://www.thecentraltheatre.co.uk) or call the box office on 01634 338338.



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## ROCHESTER SWEEPS' FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 1 to Monday, May 3, Town centre, Rochester

CELEBRATE May Day in traditional style when the Rochester Sweeps Festival takes over the town this weekend.

With more than 100,000 visitors expected, the festival will be one of the most entertaining events taking place in Kent. It is now the biggest gathering of Morris dancers in the country and more than 70 sides from across the UK are expected to descend on Rochester.

Visitors and residents can look forward to performances by street entertainers, dancers and chimney sweeps. Cara Dillon and BBC Radio Two Folk Award

winners Bellowhead will be among the folk performers in Castle Gardens, while local music talent such as Lupen Crook, The Lovedays and The Flowing will perform in the concert marquee.

The fun starts on Bluebell Hill at dawn on Saturday with the traditional Jack-in-the-Green Awakening Ceremony and the festival draws to a close with a huge procession through Rochester on bank holiday Monday.

For full details call 01634 843666 or visit [www.whatson-medway.co.uk/sweepsfestival](http://www.whatson-medway.co.uk/sweepsfestival).



## STACEY EARLE AND MARK STUART

Monday, May 3, Breeze Bar, Maidstone

DO not miss the chance to see an outstanding musical duo on their final UK tour together.

As both personal and professional partners, Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart have formed something of a dream team. With their chemistry evident on the stage, they have found a harmony that has delighted audiences on the Americana and alternative country circuit.

The husband and wife team from Nashville have both released highly successful solo albums and they will be going their separate ways professionally after this tour. But first fans

can enjoy their brand of folk, country and gospel that can be found on their latest album, S&M Communion Bread.

The couple met when Earle was opening an acoustic show for her hell-raising older brother, country rock superstar Steve Earle, and Stuart played some of his own songs that evening. After sitting in a waffle house until 5am, the pair made a connection which has stood the test of time.

The concert starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15 in advance or £17 on the door. To book call Maverick Live on 01622 744481.

## JOY OF POLITICS

Wednesday, May 5, Exchange Studio, Maidstone



SEE the funny side of the looming general election with the hilarious Joy of Politics.

Presented by Black Sheep, this irreverent show pokes fun at everything from the Magna Carta to the morning's headlines, and shines a torch into the darkest corners of Westminster. Join the award-winning double act on a romp through the corridors of power and enjoy their manifesto of mirth, the perfect escape from election overload.

Andrew Jones and Ciaran Murtagh are award-winning performers who write for Radio Four and have created such successful shows as The Joy of Wine, I, Lear and Entertainium. The Joy of Politics was premiered in London and is now hitting the road to entertain the great British public.

If you enjoyed shows like Yes Minister, The New Statesman and The Now Show, The Joy of Politics is sure to tickle your funny bone in satirical style.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £12/£10. To book call the box office on 01622 758611 or visit the website at [www.hazlittarts-centre.co.uk](http://www.hazlittarts-centre.co.uk).



## CARL CRAIG AT OFF KEY

Sunday, May 2, Banks Bar, Maidstone



A SPECIAL guest travels all the way from America to help OFF KEY celebrate its first birthday this weekend.

The dance music events have been delighting clubbers for the last 12 months and on Sunday, a special event will be held to mark the occasion.

Guest of honour will be Carl Craig from Detroit, whose performance at that first event in London helped to shape the way organisers look at electronic music. The experience helped to form the ethos of OFF KEY, now a popular part of Maidstone's music scene.

Craig has been at the forefront of techno for 30 years, and has continued to reinvigorate electronic music over the years. With his record label Planet E, high quality productions and spectacular remixes, Craig pushes the boundaries and has remained an exciting presence on the scene.

Sam Ball, Lee Brinx, Duncan K and Nathan Martin will also be appearing. The event starts at 1pm and early bird tickets cost £10, while standard admission costs £15.

The party is a strictly ticket-only event and is sure to be in high demand, so book as soon as possible by visiting [www.clubtickets.com](http://www.clubtickets.com).



## CARMEN SOUZA QUARTET

Saturday, May 1, Village Hall, Hunton



BROADEN your musical horizons and experience the sound of the Carmen Souza Quartet.

This exotic group will take the audience on a wonderful journey into the niche world of Afro-European jazz, blending many traditional and contemporary aspects to create their own captivating music.

Using Creole, the dialect of Souza's ancestors, they combine traditional African and Cape Verde rhythms with the jazz influences of today to stunning effect.

Experience the rhythms of Batuque, Morna and Cola Djon with a contemporary twist, in a performance that will display the Cape Verdean quartet's impressive repertoire. The line-up features Souza on vocals, guitar and Wurlitzer, along with Theo Pascal on bass and double bass. Pedro Segundo plays percussion and Jonathan Idiagbonya provides an acoustic piano sound on keyboards.

Teamed with Souza's effortless vocals, their sound is a breath of fresh air. Discover their poignant songs when they visit Hunton as part of Applause Rural Touring's spring season. The concert starts at 8pm and tickets are £8 or £5 for under 21s. Call 01622 820683/820127 or email [abcon\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:abcon_@hotmail.com) or [j.crane@virgin.net](mailto:j.crane@virgin.net).



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Cardiff	12°C	Tokyo	19°C
Gibraltar	20°C	Vancouver	11°C
Hong Kong	21°C	Warsaw	18°C
Las Palmas	25°C	Wellington	18°C



## KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

<b>Chatham</b>	Saturday	3:24pm 6.0m	Sunday	4:01pm 5.8m
<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	1:42pm 6.5m	Sunday	2:21pm 6.3m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	1:39pm 7.5m	Sunday	2:17pm 7.2m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	2:12pm 5.0m	Sunday	2:51pm 4.8m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	3:14pm 5.7m	Sunday	3:51pm 5.5m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	3:21pm 5.2m	Sunday	3:57pm 5.1m

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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Canterbury	17°C	20°C	18°C	15°C	12°C	Faversham	17°C	19°C	16°C	14°C	11°C	Maidstone	20°C	21°C	18°C	15°C	13°C	Sittingbourne	17°C	19°C	16°C	14°C	11°C					
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Mouth-watering classics such as steak and ale pie and beer battered fish and chips as well as an extensive range of cask beers, in a relaxed atmosphere, are on offer at the pub.

The pub is one of more than 60 planned to be built by Marston's Inns and Taverns, as part of a drive to

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**Question: When does the Kittiwake open?**

\*Family of up to four people, drinks not included.

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# Make a date with laughter with Shawn Levy's new action comedy

■ BY DAMON SMITH

ROMANCE is dead and the lead characters of Shawn Levy's hysterical action comedy may be too before the end credits roll.

Date Night centres on a loving, married couple who have lost the spark in their relationship.

The spouses' efforts to reinvigorate the marriage take a turn for the surreal as screenwriter Josh Klausner propels these unassuming and hard-working suburbanites on a series of crazy misadventures.

Steve Carell and Tina Fey are perfectly cast as the parents trapped in a state of bland indifference, who just need several brushes with death to remind them what is important.

So much of our enjoyment comes from the sizzling rapport between the leads.

"Everything you're doing, I'm doing in heels," Fey's wife reminds her husband as the fugitive couple go on the run and call in favours to stay one step ahead of the bad guys.

Phil Foster (Carell) and his wife Claire (Fey) live in New Jersey with their children, who negate the need for an alarm clock by pile driving their parents' heads before 5am.

Every week, the Fosters hire a babysitter so they can go through the ritual of date night – sitting at the same table in the same restaurant ordering the same food, all under the guise of spending quality time together.

Phil and Claire attempt to spice up date night by having dinner at the most exclusive new restaurant in Manhattan.

The Fosters arrive without a reservation and when another couple fails to turn up, Phil and Claire cheekily pretend to be the elusive Tripplehornes and take the vacant table.

Towards the end of the meal, heavies Armstrong and Collins take Phil and Claire into an alleyway and demand the return of a flash drive which the real Tripplehornes have stolen.



**MARRIED BLISS:** Tina Fey (left) and Steve Carell (right) are perfectly cast as parents trapped in a bland marriage

The Fosters' innocent pleas fall on deaf thug ears and the married couple become embroiled in a life or death race around the city involving a violent gangster (Ray Liotta), a disgraced Mayor, a plucky female cop and a hunky surveillance expert (Mark Wahlberg).

Date Night has huge fun at the expense of unlikely action heroes Carell and Fey.

Their characters' ham-fisted efforts to escape an early grave are comically inept, including a getaway in quite possibly the world's slowest motor boat.

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A hare-brained car chase and a sequence in a pole-dancing club where the Fosters pretend to be "sex robots" to work up one punter into a froth of sexual excitement are side-splitting.

The supporting cast has a ball, notably Wahlberg who pokes gentle fun at his image as a dunderhead with a rippling six pack.

Levy maintains a jaunty pace and offsets the lunacy with moments of heartfelt emotion to ensure this is a date night to remember.

**DATE NIGHT**   
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**FINAL DEBATE:** Party leaders prepare to meet in front of the cameras one more time



**YOUR TV REVIEW**

**VOLCANIC ASH: FLIGHT OF TERROR:** Five  
**THE PRIME MINISTERIAL DEBATE:** BBC One, 8.30pm, Thursday

■ BY THOMAS BETTS

WHEN it comes to jumping on topical bandwagons, Five are usually ahead of the pack.

The blatant opportunity presented when planes were grounded for the best part of a week, led to Volcanic Ash: Flight of Terror.

Digital images used in the docudrama to reconstruct when a British Airways 747 flight to Australia survived passing through an ash cloud 28 years ago were splashed over the Daily Star's front page last week.

Given it was on the morning after flight restrictions had been lifted with passengers eager to get away, airport bosses promptly removed all copies of the red-top rag to avoid causing alarm.

The show followed a familiar format of how everything started off perfectly normal, before people began noticing odd occurrences such as

smoke creeping into the cabin and the plane's engines lighting up.

The undeniable highlight was the message from captain Eric Moody to passengers when he said: "Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. We have a small problem."

"All four engines have stopped. We are doing our damndest to get it under control. I trust you are not in too much distress."

NO MATTER what the outcome of the election is there is no doubt that the three televised debates will have played their part.

The true extent will only be felt once the votes are cast and the results in and analysed, but they have been essential viewing as this country

finally caught up with what the Americans have been doing for years.

It's only right that we voters have had the chance to hear the leaders go head to head, and debate the issues.

It's just surprising that it has taken so long for it to come about as JFK and Richard Nixon first slugged it out in front of the cameras in 1960.

It was a shame that Sky News televised the last debate, meaning millions may have missed out, but in four or five years time, when more people have made the digital switchover, that will be less of a problem.

Now we have entered this territory there will surely be no way of going back, so expect this particular circus to be a part of any election campaigns we see in future.

The final debate is tomorrow night, on BBC One, and will centre on the economy. Can you afford not to watch?

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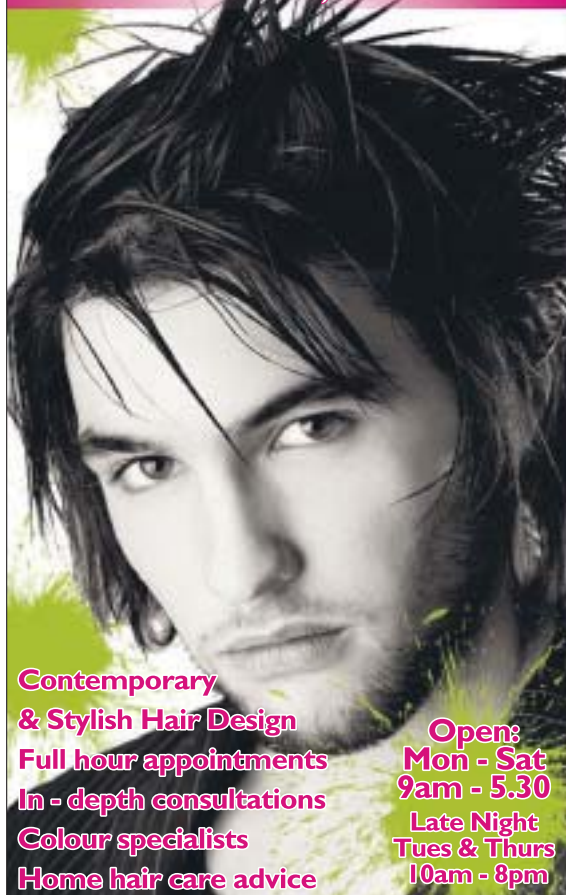
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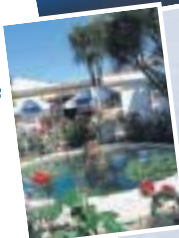
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### CRYPTIC CLUES

**ACROSS**

- 1 Shaver's instrument very clearly delineated (5-5)  
 6 Only egghead found on the island (4)  
 9 Is able to produce verse (5)  
 10 Press chap ushered inside (4)  
 11 Preserve black doorpost (4)  
 13 Very calm and unexcited like hothouse plant surprisingly (4,2,1,8)  
 14 Old battle of extortion (8)  
 16 Bar ribs to be served (6)  
 18 With word of hesitation dry up (6)  
 19 Present shawl in coloured paper? (8)  
 22 Virtually incredible (3,4,2,2,4)  
 24 Warm-up race (4)  
 25 Man shortly goes out to sea (4)  
 26 Secretary has dispensed with title (5)  
 27 Double half-turn in skirt (4)  
 28 Bitty? (10)

**DOWN**

- 1 Re-use celery recipe (7)  
 2 Picture element with ring underneath (5)  
 3 Novel attic (4,2,3,3)  
 4 Removed the gap on polygon (8)  
 5 Squire becoming slightly indecent (6)  
 7 Natural BO developing in Asian capital! (4,5)  
 8 Half of them exclude travel ban (7)  
 12 It is no secret how to cook al fresco? (3,2,3,4)  
 15 A nut roast cooked for highflier (9)  
 17 Weight of skirt that had been shortened Margo repaired (8)  
 18 Be careful, timekeeper has the very thing (5,2)  
 20 Len, pray about meeting (7)  
 21 Opinion these days on immorality (6)  
 23 Cult member from Honduras taken home (5)

### QUICK CLUES

**ACROSS**

- 1 Piece of cutlery (10)  
 6 Collapse (4)  
 9 Showy display (5)  
 10 Be feeble-minded (4)  
 11 Stained (4)  
 13 Place to buy cheap goods (7,8)  
 14 Omission of implied word (8)  
 16 Picture puzzle (6)  
 18 Foolishness (6)  
 19 Prisoner (8)  
 22 Short description of someone (9,6)  
 24 Mormon state (4)  
 25 Zest (4)  
 26 Sign on (5)  
 27 Go on a bicycle (4)  
 28 Person from Nashville perhaps (10)

**DOWN**

- 1 Quiver (7)  
 2 Farm implement (5)  
 3 Very distinctive (5-7)  
 4 Scholastic (8)  
 5 Bandit (6)  
 7 One of the laity (9)  
 8 Cornish resort (7)  
 12 Half-light (4-8)  
 15 Help (4,1,4)  
 17 On target (anag.) (8)  
 18 Varnish (7)  
 20 Hierarchy (7)  
 21 Rivets (anag.) (6)  
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**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

A **SOURCE** of income could suddenly dry up. Although the prospect of finding a new job is daunting, you need to get to work. You may decide to launch a business from home. Caring for people's pets or children will give you time to work out a new career plan.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762


**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

A **COMPETITION** at work is draining you of energy. Instead of trying to outdo a colleague, try raising your own game. Acquire some new skills or look for another opportunity. You might even decide to take a sabbatical. Improving your health will give you the necessary energy.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

**UNEXPECTED** changes at work will force you to alter your plans. It may be necessary to downsize your lifestyle. Fortunately, you're pretty versatile. The same isn't true for loved ones. You will need to help them through. Head for a zoo, museum, or playground together.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**FINANCES** are tight, and it's hard not to take your frustrations out on a partner. At times like these, the two of you need to stand together. The next time you feel the need to lash out, pick up a paintbrush or a power tool – a repair project will make you forget your troubles.

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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**SOME** upsetting memories make it hard to get any work done. You need to resolve them now, even if it means taking some time off from your job. Get help to work through your anger and frustration. It may be necessary to confront a teacher or instructor who abused their power.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A **MOVE**, announcement or decision causes some old feeling to be stirred up. You're not sure what to think about a relative trying to impose a warped belief system on you. Instead of dwelling on this resentment, create a lifestyle that makes sense for you.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**YOUR** erratic behaviour is taking a toll on your personal life. If you're in a relationship, your partner may be considering a break up. It's not fair to subject your beloved to a series of crazy whims. Think carefully before making a decision, and then stick to it.

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**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

**STRIKING** a balance between discipline and freedom is difficult. You're such a hard worker you sometimes forget to sit back and enjoy the ride. Instead of piling more responsibilities on your plate, take a few days off. A loved one is poised to give you a wonderful gift.

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A **SMOOTH** talker has aroused your suspicions. It's time to stand up for people who are being used by a manipulative charmer. At first, your warnings will fall on deaf ears. In time people will realise they have created a false idol. You need to be ready to pick up the pieces.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

A **DOWN** in the dumps, pessimistic attitude is harming a close relationship. Instead of predicting everything that could go wrong, offer your support. This runs contrary to your nature, but that's a good thing. By letting go just a little, you'll make room for spontaneity.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

A **NEW** friend or relationship is wreaking havoc on your life. Although it's exciting to never know what your partner will do or say, you have to admit this has taken you away from your friends. They don't like this new arrival and think it's not good for you. Maybe they're right.

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**HORSES FOR COURSES...** Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

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**FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...** Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

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**LOVE TO LOVE YOU** Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

**PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE** Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

**MAGIC IN MARGATE** Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

**FAMILY LIFE** Fun to be with woman, 39, I love life, drinks in, walks, family life etc. Looking for a similar man in the Canterbury area. Box 467392

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**FOR A RELATIONSHIP?** Shy but confident-one known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

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**MANY INTERESTS** Hi, I'm based in Ashford and I'm looking for a nice guy in the area. I'm a single mum, 42 and enjoy cooking, and cosy nights. Box 468148

**IT COULD BE US** Professional, single, Asian woman, 42, easygoing and fun to be with, seeking a single, professional, solvent white male, 44-52 Tunbridge Wells. Box 799331

**BE MY FRIEND AND PARTNER** Hi there, I'm female, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long dark hair/green eyes. I enjoy cinema, eating out and W/LTM genuine, caring, loving male. Chatham. Box 466612

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**LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL** Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

**ANOTHER CHAPTER** Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037

**HOW YOU DOING?** Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128

**GET CLOSE** Funny, cheerful lady, 44, 5'6", curly hair, very social, likes walks and pubs. Looking for a cuddly and outgoing man for a close relationship. Faversham. Box 467518

**GENUINE REPLIES ONLY** Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

**POSSIBLE LTR** African lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5ft5, attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre. W/LTM decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617

**COME ON OVER** Fun-loving girl, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Rainham. Box 854480

**GENIE IN A BOTTLE** Slim blue-eyed blonde, 47, 5ft4, animal lover with no ties, very sociable, non-smoker, loves the countryside, seeking easygoing companion and soulmate. Box 468120

**YOUNG AT HEART** Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, worldly man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

**NOTHING VENTURED...** Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286

**ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL** Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

**NORMAL GAL** Happy, 47, looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 48 and over 30 a must. Maidstone. Box 866380

**ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?** Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

**HELP ME OPEN UP** Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, W/LTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585

**DREAM LOVER** Petite blonde, young 49, loving, caring, enjoy music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for friendship and more with a genuine, caring and honest man. Rochester. Box 854822

**MAKE IT ENJOYABLE** Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460686

**ANY TAKERS?** Divorced single mum, 49, 5ft4, animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford. Box 464557

**BY MY SIDE** Curvy woman, 49, 5ft10, I enjoy being by the sea, music, walks, meals out, cinema, cross-words, and reading. Seeking kind, caring man for the Maidstone area. Box 466608

**ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING?** Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089

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**JUST IMAGINE** Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, W/LTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 835562

**DON'T PASS ME BY** Petite brunette, 51, 5ft, likes live music, pubs and socialising, gosh, seeking a like-minded male for a serious relationship. Hastings. Box 467807

**HERE AND NOW** Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

**LOVELY BUBBLY** Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gsoh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

**WRITTEN IN THE STARS** Late 40's woman, slim, quite active, attractive, enjoy walks, picnics, the countryside, TV dramas, seeking a Pisces or Scorpio or Cancer male. Brighton. Box 468610

**IT COULD BE US** Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601

**LOVE AND LAUGHTER AND HAPPY TIMES** Petite woman, 53, with blonde/brown hair and blue eyes, 5'3", enjoys socialising, walking, cinema and generally having fun with a tall, honest man. Gillingham. Box 858610

**YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...** Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

**QUALITY TIME** 55 year old lady, 5ft6in, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, quite fit, enjoys the outdoors, lots of walking, politics, family time with the right man. Box 848381

**A TOUCH OF CLASS** Professional woman, 73, smart and fun to be with, medium build, seeks an articulate, smart, independent man of class to share quality time. Kent. Box 468560

**SMART MOVE** Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship looking to hopefully more. Box 430854

**MUST LOVE ANIMALS** Light-hearted lady, 57, light hair, blue eyes, 5ft3, enjoys baking, gardening and DIY, seeks romantic non-smoker for romance. Rochester. Box 468691

**LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!** Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

**DREAMS OF YOU** Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S man for long term relationship. Box 448595

**MUSIC TO MY EARS** Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914

**WALKS ALONG THE COAST** Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

**BE YOURSELF** Outgoing lady, active, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 865760

**BRIGHTENING UP** Cuddly lady, 61, 5ft5, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more. W/LTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214

**HOMELY LADY** Easygoing lady, 61, 5ft1, walks, cosy nights, pubs meals etc. I'm hoping to meet someone for friendship, and then we'll see. Folkestone. Box 466963

**LOTS OF HUGS** Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5ft4, red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe. I enjoy art and walks, seeking similar, intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002

**SIMPLE PLEASURES** Hi there, I'm a 61yr old lady, blonde hair/green eyes, medium build. I love dancing, walking by the sea and W/LTM like minded gent. Box 459467

**OUTGOING LADY** Young looking lady, 62, 5ft6, blonde hair/hazel eyes. I have GSOH and like music, bowls, cinema country pubs. W/LTM man, 55-65 for friendship and more. Canterbury. Box 468269

**START A NEW CHAPTER** 64 year old widow, 5ft6, slim and fit, active and healthy, likes walks, theatre, gardening a social woman seeking similar non-smoking gent in Canterbury area. Box 467844

**LOVE ME DO** Loving and caring lady, 63, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, likes most things in life, looking for a caring and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 460082

**YOUNG LOOKING** Sixty something, bubbly, outgoing, intelligent lady, looking for genuine friendship with like-minded male, love walks, talks, cinema, theatre or simply just chat. Maidstone. Box 799895

**WOMEN seeking women**

**MY HEART TO YOU** 37 year old gay female from Kent, dark brown eyes, dark hair, loves the outdoors and fresh air, gardening, DIY, seeks feminine lady for love. Box 467298

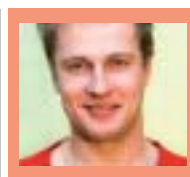
**LOVE TO LOVE** Easygoing female, 40, blue eyes, blonde hair, medium build, likes wine, dining, socialising, holidays, walks cinema; seeking like-wise female for companionship and more. Box 446953

**TAKE A CHANCE** Honest female, 43, 5ft2, medium build, fun-loving, likes clubs, pubs, eating out, nights in, looking for a female for friendship to start, hopefully a LTR. Rochester Box 466078

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## MEN seeking women

**FOR LOVE** Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! likes going/eating out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752

**FULL OF LIFE** Ashford man, 35, I'm single, no ties, and looking for a similar woman. I'm 6ft6, with blue eyes/brown hair and enjoy pubs/clubs, eating out etc. Box 467416

**BOTTLE OF WINE** Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft8, medium build, brown hair. I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

**CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME?** Hi I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503

**HOP ON BOARD!** Average bloke, 38, shy! Seeks young lady, looks unimportant, single mums welcome. I love gardening and ring my moped. Sittingbourne. Box 468095

**THE GOOD LIFE** Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR and a woman to relax and enjoy life together, with the right woman. Box 858113

**LOVE TO LAUGH** Looking for a love to earth green eyed lady. Must have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GSOH...Hastings. Box 862208

**COME ON OVER TO MY PLACE** Fun-loving male, 40, 6ft, short dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys most things in life, seeks slim female size 10-12 who's reasonably good looking. Box 465889

**DO I ATTRACT YOU?** Happy go lucky single dad, 40, looking for a slim female, -size 12, to share good times and happiness with. Hutton Box 457738

**LOOK IN MY EYES** Romantic, fun-loving man, 40, 6ft tall, with dark hair and brown eyes, looking for a kind, considerate and romantic female. Maidstone. Box 459006

**IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS** Loving and caring male, 40, 5ft8, medium build, average looks, seeks outgoing, loving, caring person to find love with. Canterbury. Box 458290

**FISHING & CAMPING!** Fun-loving male, 40, not of many words, likes sports, music, reading and films, seeks company and companion. Snodland. Box 465333

**LOOKING FOR A BIRDIE!** Hi there, I'm Chris, 38, in good shape, attractive, own place, hard working and honest, loves days out, golf, summer! Looking for loving companion. Box 450317

**YOUR MARK** Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair, blue eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, W/LTM someone trustworthy and caring. Box 448372

**COME ON OVER** Professional personal trainer, 42, 5ft10, green eyes, brown hair, athletic, seeking a female, 25-45, for fun times and friendship. Chatham. Box 468675

**FUN & OUTGOING!** Young at heart 44yr old male, stocky build, 5ft10, Kent based, father, honest and down-to-earth, likes music, nights in, walking the dog, seeks genuine lady. Box 851804

**GOT A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR?** Malcolm, 43, dark-haired, 5ft10, spent a long time on the shelf so looking for chats, friendship and maybe more with a film and music fan. Box 451561

**LET'S BUILD A ROMANCE** Hello, I'm Simon 43, single man in Kent own a construction co. Muscular build, blue-eyed, ruggedly handsome. Looking for a honest and genuine lady. Box 453322

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**GSOH ESSENTIAL** American male, 44, loves playing the guitar, looking for a decent female with a sense of fun about them. Brighton Box 461140

**LOOKING FOR LOVE?** Easygoing guy with wicked SOH, 45, 5ft11, slim-medium build, blue eyes and fair hair, loves animals, pubs and more, seeks loving lady for romance. E Sussex. Box 468369

**CHEEK TO CHEEK** Hard working gent, 45, slim, 6ft, looking for full time relationship with a cinema, bowling and film lover! Gillingham. Box 468396

**MAKE A MOVE** Single dad, 45, white, likes cooking, gardening, and a passion for Reggae music, seeking a black woman for friendship and romance. Folkestone area. Box 468542

**MUSIC LOVER** Richard here, I'm 45, very loving, and I like holidays, listening to music, theatre, cooking, cinema, museums and restaurants. You? Ashford. Box 467883

**EASY TO LOVE** Margate male, 46, tall and slim, easy-going, enjoy cinema, socialising and sport, looking for a decent lady, 40-55, for friendship and maybe a ltr. Box 468189

**ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS** Single guy, 47, 5ft8, been hurt in the past, works full time, looking for a Sussex-based lady to share life with. Kids not problem. Box 460082

**MEET YOUR MATCH!** Slim single dad, 47, works full time, looking for a slim/medium build lady, 25-50, children not a problem. Hobbies include, fishing, football, day and cooking. Dover. Box 462630

**NEEDING LOVE** 47yr old Brighton based man, own home/business, seeks genuine local lady aged 45-50 years to share it all with. Box 463623

**TAKE MY HAND** Genuine, honest man, 47, likes dining out, walking, looking to share the good life with a woman, 35-50, Deal, Kent. Box 460441

**LOVE SHOULD BE EASY** Laid-back single guy, 48, from Hythe, 6ft, slightly overweight/trying to lose it, seeking a fun to be around female to takes things slow with. Box 468498

**GET BACK TO ME** Good looking divorced man, 49, 6ft, likes keeping in shape, loves music and gigs; seeking slim lady, 30-40, relaxed, laid-back, for hopeful good relationship. Hythe. Box 460338

**LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL** Ashford man, 54, brown hair/blue eyes, 5ft4, divorced-grown up daughter, enjoy walking, days in/out, quiet drink and football, looking for an educated female, 40-60. Box 465231

**DANCING THROUGH LIFE** Active and easy-going male, mid 50's, always tries to see the funny side of life, looking for a like-minded independent female. Box 464771

**HAND IN HAND** Easygoing man, 57, would like to meet someone to share good and bad times, finding that special person to be with soul mates. Box 861243

**AROUND AND AROUND** Active male, 59, dark hair, 57, keeps fit, cycles, seeking a cuddly, curvy, mature lady for friendship. Canterbury. Box 467423

**TAKE A CHANCE** Kent gent, 57, like music, socialising, cinema, fishing and holidays abroad, looking for a wonderful lady, 50-60, for friendship and romance. Cranbrook. Box 468651

# yourmusic

## Hair's to another great LOTF event



**BEATBOX SENSATION:** Beardyman has joined the list of great acts performing this year

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

BREATHTAKING beatbox artist Beardyman has been added to the Lounge on the Farm line-up.

The London-born vocalist's appearance at the Canterbury three-dayer was confirmed alongside nearly 50 other artists and bands.

Out-of-town names include These New Puritans, the Phenomenal Handclap Band, Danny & The Champions of The World and Lissy Trullie.

Lounge bosses said Erland & The Carnival – featuring The Verve guitarist Simon Tong and Paul McCartney collaborator David Knock among their ranks – and Quantic and his Comba Barbaro were not to be missed.

They said: "Erland & The Carnival's distinctive and unmissable swirling riffs derive from Orcadian singer Erland Cooper's fun-fair folk stylings.

"Also making the journey to Kent's green and pleasant land will be Quantic and his Combo Bárbaro a brand new band who fuse rare and infectious rhythms from the Caribbean, Latin America and Africa with Quantic's own renowned deep soul and refried funk."

The LOTF organisers have also unveiled a host of Kentish acts, who are booked to perform at the July weekend.

These include Tom Williams & The Boat, Lucy Kitt, CWB, Electric Rive and Wolf People.

Among the Lounge headliners are Motown greats Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, ska legends Toots & The Maytals, The Crazy World of Arthur Brown, DJ Yoda and Courtney Pine.

Lounge promoters are promising their fifth year will be the biggest and best yet.

The spokesman added: "With increased capacity, this year's Lounge On The Farm looks set to be the finest yet.

"We have a medley of musical pleasures – from local heroes and the next big things to the truly legendary – spread across seven stages, plus incredible comedy,

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Belleville perform For You (Forever Young) in Canterbury.



Jus' Ben covers Keane's modern classic Everybody's Changing.



### TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

- 1 Gristlefridge – 6/5 The Beercart Arms Canterbury
- 2 The Suspects – 8/5 King Edward VII Margate
- 3 Flipswitch – 29/5 Maidens Head Canterbury
- 4 Save Target As – 30/5 The Downtown Dinner Ashford
- 5 Craig Sheridan – 5/6 The Port Arms Deal

theatre, burlesque and vaudeville treats, the kids' Little Lounge area and some of the most refined, locally sourced, rustic refreshments to be found at any festival anywhere."

LOTF takes place at Merton Farm, Canterbury, from Friday, July 9, to Sunday, July 11.

A weekend adult ticket costs £95. Day tickets will be released next month.

For more information visit [www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk](http://www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk).



**SCENIC:** Enjoy a lesson in nature with walks and guided tours around the beautiful National Parks and coastline that New Zealand has to offer

## yourgetaways

# Unforgettable trip to Land of the Long White Cloud

■ BY VICTORIA MITCHELL

HAVING a towering, tattooed man press his nose against mine has to be one of the more unusual – and enjoyable – greetings I have experienced.

In New Zealand, this exchange meant I was no longer considered a visitor but rather as one of the people of the land.

The 'hongi', a traditional Maori welcome, made an interesting start to an unforgettable trip to the country also known as Land of the Long White Cloud, after an exhausting journey through several time zones, as Air New Zealand flights from Britain to Auckland on the North Island go via either Hong Kong or Los Angeles.

We eased the jet-lag with a 45-minute drive to the west of the city, to the dramatic coast of Karekare where thunderous waves pound the iron-black sand.

After a bracing walk along the dunes we headed to nearby Piha and the Waitakere ranges, a stunning wilderness area, for a lesson in nature, and even sampled some plants which provided nourishment for Maori in the past.

Our visit was rounded off with a 'hangi' – a feast of meats and vegetables cooked using heated rocks buried in a pit oven, and it was a perfect introduction to New Zealand.

Auckland itself is superb for fine dining: one of the best restaurants is the award-winning Dine by world-famous chef Peter Gordon at Sky City Grand Hotel. Oysters, scallops and of course, lamb, adorn an eclectic menu.

Auckland is also known as the City of Sails, so our next adventure was

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Operators to New Zealand include Austravel, which offers a nine-night Auckland, Rotorua and Napier self-drive tour from £1,599, which includes three nights' accom in Auckland (at SkyCity Grand), three nights in Rotorua and Napier, seven days' car hire and return flights with Air NZ. Price also includes day tour of Waiheke Island, a Maori village hangi and concert and a food and wine tour of Hawke's Bay.

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sailing from the massive marina to Waiheke Island on a 50ft yacht.

Pride of Auckland operates a fleet of sailing yachts where visitors – under the watchful eye of an expert crew – experience the hands-on thrill of sailing in one of the world's most famous bays.

Huge gusts of wind might have tipped our boat over had it not been for the intervention of the skipper, so we arrived at the island's main jetty looking slightly bedraggled.

I was greeted warmly, however, by the delightful and informative guide Jenny, a retired midwife who personally delivered many of the 8,000 permanent residents on Waiheke.

The island, which can also be reached from Auckland by a 45-minute, and rather less eventful, ferry ride, is home to wineries, craft shops, beautiful gardens and beach-

es, and olive groves where tourists can sample some of the finest oil in the world.

Our next stop was the city of Nelson, on the northern shores of South Island, and at just under a two-hour flight from Auckland or from Hawke's Bay, it is said to be at the very centre of New Zealand.

I was there to experience a bit of outdoors adventure in the nearby Abel Tasman National Park.

Noel Kennedy, an expert guide from New Zealand Nature Tours plans a personal and authentic itinerary for the most discerning visitors.

To make the most of a visit to New Zealand, you really need to start planning in advance. Air New Zealand's route network includes 26 domestic destinations – covering North and South Islands – and people use the service like they would a bus.

## MOTORS NEWS



### Meriva opens wide for the second generation

VAUXHALL has opened the order book for its second-generation Meriva baby MPV.

Priced from £15,495 and in dealerships for June 18, it's wider, longer and more stylish, with a stepped rear window line plus a major talking point – rearward opening rear doors.

These 'FlexDoors' open to nearly 90 degrees, vastly improving entry, but it's parents who will see most benefit as they pilot the kids in and out and strap them into their seats, boosters and so on.



### Fair weather friends are out in force again

MOTOR market watchers like to play down seasonal price trends, but there's nothing like spring sunshine to boost prices for convertibles.

British Car Auctions (BCA), which has a site at Paddock Wood, has just staged a sale of 400 convertibles and sold the lot, many for prices higher than expected and ranging from less than £4,000 to over £50,000. A spokesman said the economy and election should have made people nervous, but the sale suggested optimism among trade and private buyers alike.



### Seat aiming to clean up on Scrapage variation

SEAT has followed up on the Government's official £2,000 Scrapage trade-in grant with a £2,000 saving on its cleanest and greenest Ecomotive models.

On top of that, says VW's Spanish arm, buyers also get to save even more thanks to the cheaper everyday running costs of cars like the Leon Ecomotive SE (pictured) with start-stop technology and energy recovery system.

With a lower sale price of £16,045 under the new scheme, buyers could also save more than £4,300 over a typical three-year/45,000-mile period.



**DECEPTIVELY BIG:** The hi-cube van design of Peugeot's Bipper Tepee means lots of legroom and the potential to carry loads of luggage as well as five people in decent comfort

# Postman Pat and the Popemobile by Peugeot

## ROAD TEST PEUGEOT BIPPER TEEPE

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

This is helped by sliding rear side doors and a huge top-hinged tailgate that doubles as a rain shelter when loading and unloading or simply 'grandstanding' or picnicking at an event.

There is plenty of clever stowage too, but the van origins and budget pricing are betrayed by pop-out rather than wind-down rear windows, plus some painted metalwork and rubber floor covering, presumably so that you could hose out the footwells.

My car was a top-spec Outdoor HDi70 diesel (£11,795), which looks chunkier thanks to bigger side protection mouldings, lower front panel trim and standard-fit roof bars.

It also gains air con, front fog lights and – for the more rural-based owner – higher suspension and under engine protection.

It costs an extra £1,000 to have the 70bhp 1.4-litre turbodiesel instead of the 75bhp 1.4-litre petrol alternative and it needs nearly 18 seconds and a following wind to hit 60, but it will average around 60mpg and incur just £35/year road tax due to its low emissions.

The petrol is still no flier (0-62mph in 16.6 seconds), but saves a £1,000 upfront and every time you fill up, while still averaging more than 40mpg, but you pay £145/year road tax.



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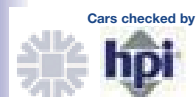
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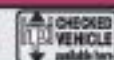


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2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	13D	5	Sugar white	Del mileage	9,995
2009	09	Agila Club A/c	12	5	Steel silver	4,250	7,995
2009	59	Agila Club CDTi	13D	5	Atlanta blue	2,950	8,995
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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2005	55	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Ultra blue	30,260	6,995
2006	06	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Black sapphire	33,050	7,695
2006	56	Astra Design Twin top	18	2	Black sapphire	40,200	9,695
2007	07	Astra Design Auto Estate	18	5	Silver lightening	22,190	7,995
2007	07	Astra Sri Sports hatch X pack 16 TBO	16	3	Flame red	29,810	10,495
2007	57	Astra VXR	2.0	3	Arden blue	25,000	13,995
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2008	08	Astra Design CDTi Auto	19D	5	Star silver	22,200	9,995
2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Silver lightening	24,300	9,995
2008	58	Astra Sri CDTi X Pack	19D	3	Star silver	10,100	12,995
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2009	59	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Star silver	Del mileage	12,995
2009	59	Astra Sports Twin top	18	2	Air blue	3,320	17,495
2009	59	Astra Sxi CDTi	19D	5	Power red	8,000	13,995

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	06*	Corsa Sxi +	12	3	Flame red	57,600	4,995
2008	08	Corsa Breeze E/T	12	3	Flame red	10,125	7,995
2009	09	Corsa Active	10	5	Star silver	6,270	8,995
2010	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	12	3	Flame red	Delivery	10,995
2010	59	Corsa Active	10	3	Flame red	Delivery	9,995
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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2009	09	Insignia Tourer Exclusive	18	5	Black sapphire	9,300	13,995
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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	56	Meriva Life A/C	14	5	Steel blue	19,730	6,495

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2007	07	Tigra Exclusive Red	14	2	Metro blue	32,500	8,995

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2005	05*	Zafira Design CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Star silver	53,000	6,995
2006	06	Zafira Active	1.8	5	Metro blue	38,050	7,995
2008	58	Zafira Exclusive	1.6	5	Star silver	13,700	9,995

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	56	Meriva Life A/C	14	5	Steel blue	19,730	6,495

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2002	02*	Corsa Club E/T	12	5	Blue	37,000	3,195
2006	56	Corsa Design CDTi	13D	5	Flame red	37,000	7,995
2007	07	Corsa Design	12	3	Metro blue	19,500	7,495
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2009	58	Vectra Exclusive CDTi	19D	5	Silver	19,000	9,995

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2009	59	Vivaro SWB(115)	2.0D	5	White	Delivery	£11,995+VAT
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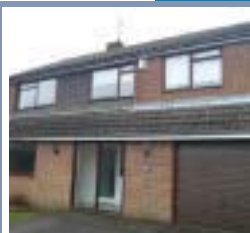
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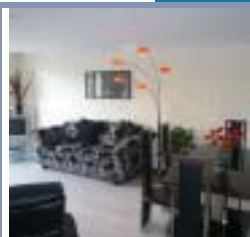
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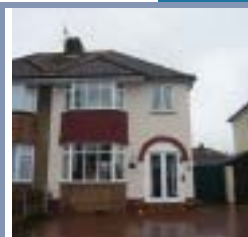
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**TITLE CONTENDERS:** The Mote plan to cause an upset

# The Mote ready to compete for Premier title

## CRICKET

WITH the cricket season just over a week away, newly-promoted The Mote believe they have all the ingredients to launch a bid for the Kent Cricket League Premier Division title.

The Maidstone-based side secured a return to the county's top tier by finishing second in Division One last year and intend to compete at the top of the league this season.

Under the guidance of new club skipper Thomas Harvey, The Mote have kept the majority of last season's side together and Harvey is confident they can threaten the top end of the division this year.

He said: "Obviously the first goal is to stay in the

division, but we have put together a good side and we think we can challenge for the title. I think realistically we would be happy with a top-three finish. We haven't really added to the squad, but we had a really strong unit last year."

The Mote open the new season on May 8 at home to 2008 Premier League champions Hartley Country Club.

Also targeting another title are Addington Village who are aiming for a rare third successive promotion. Extensive work has been done to

improve the Division Three side's Park Road ground, while there are several new faces at the club. Potentially the most eye-catching is 19-year-old Namibia international batsman, Raymond van Schoor.

Skipper Neil Scott believes it could be another season to remember.

He said: "Last year we went through the league season undefeated and that's a massive boost going into the new season. Fingers crossed we can pick up where we left off – another promotion is definitely achievable."

Addington Village begin life in Division Three with a trip to Downham & Bellingham on May 8.

## HOCKEY

Picture LOOKKUPCO



**CUP GLORY:** Maidstone (left) completed a stunning comeback to lift the Kent Hockey Cup for a third time

## Ladies triumph in a nail-biting final

### Holcombe 2 Maidstone 3

MAIDSTONE secured their third Kent Hockey Cup victory in four years after a narrow win against arch rivals Holcombe on Sunday.

Rachel Thompson's ladies 1st XI had to work hard for the victory by coming back from two goals behind to lift the Kent Cup once again.

With home advantage, Holcombe made a fast start to the game and took the lead after two minutes with a penalty corner. Maidstone struggled to get to grips with the pace of the game and fell further behind after conceding a goal from open play on 19 minutes.

The second goal seemed to spark Maidstone into life and they cut the deficit when Hannah Durston finished off a move started by Lizzie Daniels. As the game ticked towards half-time, Maidstone found an equaliser with a stunning flick from Claire Daniels.

The second-half saw both sides raise their game and it was Holcombe who looked the most likely to find the net again. Goalkeeper Jenny Vincent was forced to pull off a string of saves to deny Holcombe from taking the lead.

With ten minutes remaining, Maidstone managed to exploit a gap in the Holcombe defence and scored what proved to be the crucial winning goal, when Sue Leaning's pass was finished clinically by Maria Miles.

Holcombe battled hard to take the game into extra time, but Maidstone held on to clinch their third Kent Hockey Cup victory.



**RETURN:** Kent could make a return to The Mote in the future after county chairman George Kennedy (right) admitted his interest in bringing back the popular cricket festival week



Picture ADY KERRY

# Is first-class cricket set to return to Maidstone?

## CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

COUNTY cricket could be set to return to Maidstone in the near future with Kent chairman George Kennedy welcoming interest in taking the first-class game back to The Mote.

The club's second string played a game at The Mote in Maidstone last season, the first time a senior Kent side had played there following a points deduction in a County Championship game against Gloucestershire in 2005.

Kent's second XI are due back again this summer and with The Mote harbouring ambitions to upgrade facilities, including a new pavilion, a return could be on the cards.

Kennedy has been pleased with the reports about the pitch at Maidstone and said providing the upgrades are completed, he would be interested in resurrecting the popular Maidstone Cricket Festival.

"When [the facilities] get back to a proper standard then they will get absolute due consideration like anywhere else," he said. "If they are still at the planning stage then you've got to say it's looking like a couple of years, but as soon as they are ready there is every possibility that we would like to reinstate a Maidstone festival."

"The report on the pitch last season was good and that's why we are going back again this year. There is no problem whatsoever with playing conditions, but there are all sorts of health and safety issues about the state of the pavilion and the facilities in general. The truth of the matter is they are not up to county standard."

With Kent set to play a 'home' game at the

Brit Oval in this year's Friends Provident t20 competition, it's refreshing to hear Kennedy discussing a return to what in the past has been a popular cricket festival.

The Mote have plans to sell off some land, with the money used to upgrade their facilities which would include indoor nets.

Chairman Michael Cutler is hopeful of a return, but did say plans have been shelved temporarily as the club wait for the price of their land to increase.

He said: "There were plans to build a new pavilion which would go alongside us developing part of the ground. It's a long-term target at the minute as these plans have been put on hold due to the economic climate. The price of the land has gone down so we are waiting for that to rise again before anything is decided. We would love to have a new pavilion and it could help Kent cricket come back to the ground, but I don't think it's essential. We have done everything we can to get Kent first-team cricket back here."

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# Stones end rollercoaster season on a high note

## FOOTBALL

BY YOURMAIDSTONE REPORTER

### Kingstonian 1

Gray 24

### Maidstone United 1

Hockton pen 68

WITH relegation avoided following last Thursday's 1-0 win against Bognor Regis Town, a confident Maidstone United side ended the season with a creditable draw at high-flying Kingstonian.

Peter Nott's side travelled to Kingsmeadow with only pride left to play for and put in a battling performance to end a rollercoaster Ryman Premier League season on a high note.

Despite a couple of early scares, the Stones threatened to take the lead inside the opening five minutes. Antonio Gonnella played in Adrian Stone, but the former Bromley striker could only place his shot over Rob Tolfrey's goal.

With what was the first attack on the visitor's goal, Kingstonian took the lead. A long diagonal ball into the Maidstone area was met by Matt Gray and he sent a looping header past goalkeeper Andy Walker.

Maidstone responded well to going a goal



**WINLESS STREAK:** Danny Hockton converted a penalty to earn Maidstone United a point on the final day of the season

behind and had two opportunities to net an equaliser shortly after. First Danny Hockton blazed over when well-placed, then Stone struck the post after latching on to Ant Bodle's teasing cross.

The Stones ended the half the stronger of the two sides with Gonnella coming close to leveling the score at the break. A Roland Edge free-kick cannoned against the Kingstonian wall and fell at the feet of the winger and his low drive forced a smart finger tip save from Tolfrey.

Kingstonian started the second-half strongly and went close to extending their lead just before the hour mark when Gray's corner found Christian Jolley, but he could only direct

his header narrowly wide.

The game took a twist on 68 minutes as the Stones found an equaliser via the penalty spot. Rob Lyall's shot struck a hand in the Kingstonian area and the referee immediately pointed to the spot. Hockton calmly converted the penalty to restore parity.

After hauling themselves back into the game, Maidstone had to see out the final 16 minutes of the game with only ten men. Chris Saunders picked up a second yellow card and was shown his second red card of the season.

Despite the man advantage, Kingstonian were unable to find a winning goal, leaving Maidstone to end another difficult season with a positive point.

## FOOTBALL



**CRUNCH TALKS:** Peter Nott hopes to become Maidstone United manager on a permanent basis

## Nott does chances of keeping United job no harm at all

AFTER steering Maidstone United away from relegation, manager Peter Nott hopes to be given the green light this week to continue his spell in charge of the first-team.

The former Maidstone United reserves manager was promoted to take over as first-team boss following the departure of long serving duo Alan Walker and Lloyd Hume mid-way through the season. This week Nott and assistant boss Tony Cornwell are due to hold talks with chairman Paul Bowden-Brown to discuss their future at the club.

Last Thursday's 1-0 win against Bognor Regis Town mathematically secured the Stones' place in the Ryman Premier League and Nott hopes to continue to take the club forward next season.

He said: "The chairman has taken a big chance with myself and Tony and I like to think we have repaid their faith up to this point by keeping the club up. We are both Maidstone through and through and hope to be involved in the management of the club next season. We go into the meeting with a positive mindset and once talks are over, we can begin to prepare for next season."

Nott's first taste of senior management has been a baptism of fire as he has had to cope with a fixture back log, players leaving, building a new squad and a relegation dog fight. But he admitted he feels all the better for it after coming through a difficult season in avoiding relegation.

He said: "We have come in mid-way through and had to deal with problems on and off the pitch and we've come through them. I could have done without players leaving and having to build another squad in my first senior management role, but we have come through that. I feel stronger for it."

Nott's already spoken to players he wishes to keep for next season and plans to strengthen the club's strike-force in the summer.

## FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

### RYMAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
C Dartford	42	29	6	7	+56	93
2 Sutton United	42	22	9	11	+20	75
3 Aveley	42	21	7	14	+21	70
4 Boreham Wood	42	20	8	14	+10	68
5 Kingstonian	42	20	8	14	+4	68
6 Wealdstone	42	17	14	11	0	65
7 Hastings United	42	18	9	15	+12	63
8 Tonbridge Angels	42	18	8	16	+2	62
9 AFC Hornchurch	42	16	13	13	+4	61
10 Hendon	42	18	6	18	+2	60
11 Horsham	42	16	8	18	-2	56
12 Tooting & Mitcham	42	15	10	17	-4	55
13 Billericay Town	42	14	12	16	+2	54
14 Harrow Borough	42	13	14	15	+3	53
15 Cray Wanderers	42	14	9	19	-16	51
16 Canvey Island	42	13	11	18	-5	50
17 Carshalton Athletic	42	12	13	17	-6	49
<b>18 Maidstone United</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>49</b>
R Margate	42	11	12	19	-22	45
R Ashford Town (Middx)	42	11	11	20	-18	44
R Waltham Abbey	42	12	8	22	-25	44
R Bognor Regis Town	42	9	14	19	-20	41



**BOOST:** Scott Smart hopes a trouble-free weekend will elevate his position in the British Superstock Championship

## Riders build on confidence

### SUPERBIKES

MAIDSTONE superbike riders Scott Smart and Tom Weeden hope to build on promising performances last time out as they head to Cheshire's Oulton Park this weekend.

British Superstock rider Smart recorded his best finish of the new season with an impressive fifth place at Thruxton two weeks' ago. However, this Bank Holiday weekend he will be targeting much more.

The 34-year-old is steadily improving after a slow start to the season at Brands Hatch, but mechanical problems in qualifying severely damaged his hopes of a rostrum place at Thruxton.

The former British Superbike Championship rider will pray for a trouble-free weekend at Oulton Park to boost his eighth place in the rider standings.

Maidstone Grammar School boy, Weeden, came agonisingly close to securing his first podium finish of the season at Thruxton. The 16-year-old crossed the line fourth in class and 11th overall. After a strong race at the last round, he is confident he can go one better at Oulton Park.

He said: "Despite not finishing in the top ten like I'd hoped to and narrowly missing out on the podium spot, many positives can be drawn. Qualifying on the second row felt really good and it has boosted my confidence hugely. Usually I qualify poorly and leave myself with a lot of hard work to do. I have proven to myself that I do have the pace to be up in the top ten."

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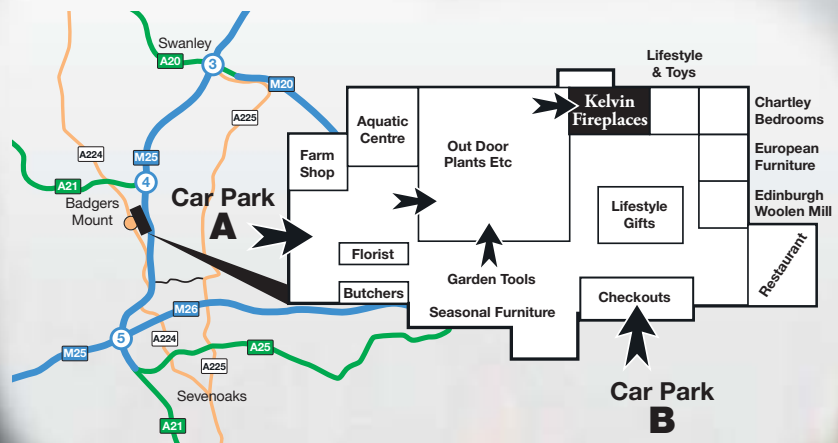
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